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FRENCH ULTIMATUM TO-DAY.

GUNMEN'S ERROR.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT A FREE STATE MINISTER.

THE WRONG MAN

REVOLVERS DRAWN IN COUNCIL ROOM.

Mr. Joseph McGrath, Irish Free State Minister of Industry and Commerce, by an error escaped what appears to have been a plot to assassinate him.

Two youths who secured admission to the Ministry, where an industrial dispute was being discussed, on the pretext that they had a letter for a prominent Labour leader, drew revolvers and pointed them at a delegate who resembles Mr. McGrath, saying, "You are McGrath."

The error was quickly pointed out to them, and they hurriedly departed.

MARKED DOWN FOR ASSASSINATION.

PAPERS THAT ANNOUNCED MINISTERS' DOOM.

Two young men armed with revolvers rushed a conference which was sitting last night at the Ministry of Labour offices, Lord Edward-street, and were about to shoot a man whom they believed to be Mr. Joseph McGrath, the Minister of Industry and Commerce in the Dail Cabinet, when they discovered they had mistaken their man.

A Dramatic Entry.

The youths called at the offices, and said they had a message for one of the Labour leaders.

They were asked to remain in one of the waiting-rooms, but, having ascertained in which room the conference was sitting, they made a dramatic entry, and, covering the delegates with revolvers, cried, "Hands up! You're McGrath," pointing to a gentleman, who proved he was a Labour delegate from the South.

It was some time before the armed raiders could be convinced of their mistake, but, once satisfied, they pocketed their revolvers and escaped

Captured in Ambush Fight.

Only a few days ago it was stated that papers had been found on a man who was arrested during an ambush of National troops, to the effect that Mr McGrath was the next Minister to be marked for assassination.

FIENDISH TORTURE.

SOLDIER TIED TO TREE FOR 40 HOURS.

Private Patrick Donegan, of the National Army, has been admitted to the hospital, Dublin, suffering from complete exhaustion, due to exposure.

It is a remarkable story of courage and fortitude.

Donegan was on leave from the Curragh, and on Sunday night he was kidnapped by three armed men in Parnell-square, Dublin.

He was asked to give information about the National Army at the Curragh, but he courageously defied his captors.

The men called a hackney car and

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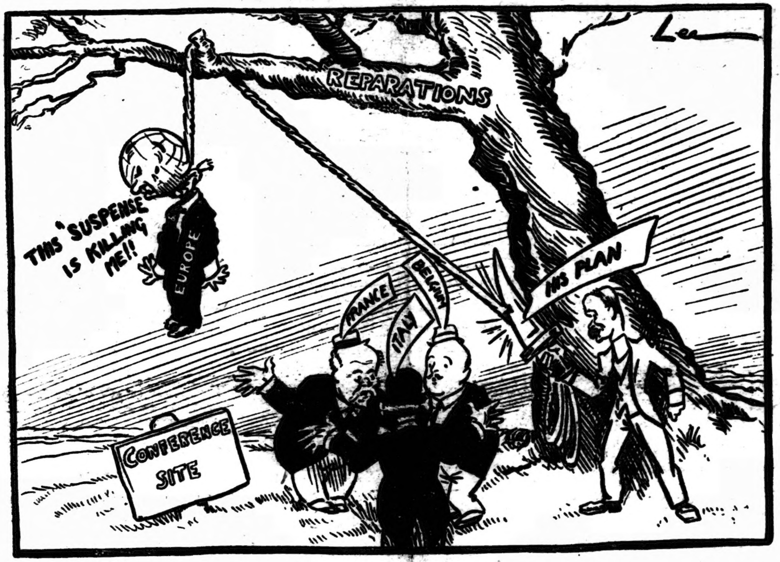

WHEN A LET DOWN IS A LIFT UP!!

PLEDGES—OR THE DEBTS CONFERENCE WILL END.

POINCARE INSISTS ON HIS PROPOSALS BEING ACCEPTED AS ONLY BASIS OF DISCUSSION.

The Conference of Premiers, assembled in Paris this afternoon, may end at any moment.

This morning, the French Cabinet unanimously rejected the British plan for reasons stated.

Late this afternoon, Reuter's Paris correspondent sent the following ominous semi-official statement issued by the Quai d'Orsay.

> During the sitting of the Conference this afternoon M. Poincaré will insist upon the necessity of recognising the principle which he regards as indispensable—namely:—
>
> "NO MORATORIUM WITHOUT PLEDGES."
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> He will ask the Conference to decide definitely upon this point.
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> If this point is not accepted by the British Delegation the discussion will probably not be carried further.
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> If the contrary is decided the discussion will continue on the basis of the French memorandum.

FRENCH CABINET REJECTS PLAN.

"DEFINITE ABANDONMENT OF THE ESSENTIAL CLAUSES OF TREATY OF VERSAILLES."

PARIS, Wednesday.

The Cabinet met this morning, and M. Poincaré communicated to the Ministers the British plan.

PLAN IN BRIEF

The British plan, in brief, is as follows:—

(1) Moratorium for Germany of four years.

(2) Primary obligation of Germany to be put at 50,000,000,000 gold marks (£2,500,000,000). (In May, 1921, it was fixed at 132,000,000,000) (£6,600,000,000.)

(3) Allied Council to be set up at once in Berlin to supervise the restoration of German finance.

If Germany obstructs this work further coercive measures, including possibly military occupation of further areas.

(4) Wiping out of European Allies' mutual debts by process of give and take.

The Cabinet was of the unanimous opinion that the plan entailed a considerable reduction of the French credit as well as fresh delays, without giving any security, and thus constituted the definite abandonment of the essential clauses of the Treaty of Versailles.—Reuter.

May Act Alone.

PARIS, Wednesday.

M. Poincaré told the Cabinet that the French plan represents the minimum France can accept, and unless it is used as the basis of discussion the French will be compelled to declare disagreement, and proceed alone to take pledges.

Responsible Ministers this morning examined military plans to be acted upon in case France is compelled eventually to act alone.—Exchange.

POINCARE'S HAND.

BELGIUM AND ITALY TO BACK HIM.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Sixteen hours' reflection has produced no modification in the French hostility to the British Reparations plan, and very little conversation in well-informed quarters has sufficed to show that the conviction is firmer than ever that it affords not even a basis for discussion.

"BEWILDERMENT."

PARIS, Wednesday.

The "Journal" says:—

> While the exposition of M. Poincaré has produced a favourable impression by its clarity and moderation, that of Mr. Bonar Law has created bewilderment among the delegates.
>
> The British project constitutes a veritable revision of the Treaty of Versailles. Such a revision would have to secure the support of the Chambers, and no French Parliament would approve of it, indeed, no French Government could propose it.—Reuter.

The Conference will open to-day faced with wider differences than the two Governments have ever before encountered.

M. Poincaré will try to secure a discussion of the French plan im-

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THE PRINCE.

REPORT OF A MARRIAGE PLAN.

"IT IS PERFECT NONSENSE."

STATEMENT BY LORD STAMFORDHAM.

The following statement was made to the "Pall Mall Gazette" to-day by Lord Stamfordham, the King's private secretary with regard to a report, appearing this morning, that "plans are on foot for a union between the Prince of Wales and an Italian Princess."

> **"It is perfect nonsense. I have not heard about it. I know nothing about it."**

The report appeared in the "Daily News," which asserted that it was in a position to state that during the next few months the issue would be raised and settled, and went on to remark:—

"There will be universal congratulation if the choice should fall upon an English girl, and the fact that she was not of Royal blood would be regarded as in no sense an impediment.

A Love Match.

"On the other hand, if a foreign alliance should be announced, it would have to bear close scrutiny from more than one standpoint.

"The nation desires, in the first place, a love match for the Heir to the Throne.

A Rooted Objection.

"In the second place, it has a strongly rooted objection to royal marriages that have perforce to be accompanied on one side or the other by a change of the religion in which the bride or bridegroom has been brought up.

"We repeat that what the British

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THE PRINCE.

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people desire for the Prince . . . is that he should be given freedom in the choice of a mate, and their faith is firm that this will be the outcome of the critical year just opening."

Change in Public Opinion.

A leading article in the "Times" of October 14, 1920, is also recalled, in which it was said:—

". . . The war, in this as in most other things, has, we believe, wrought a great change in public opinion, which—here and elsewhere in the Empire—would, we are convinced, be strongly averse from the thought that there should be any compulsion upon the Prince of Wales to make a marriage of policy.

"For him, within the comparatively narrow limits that his position must impose upon him, the British peoples would wish a marriage of true happiness: and this, it is our way to believe, means a marriage of inclination.

One of His Own Race.

"It follows naturally that the hope for him is that his wife may be one of his own race, for, though there have been fortunate exceptions, it is certainly true that marriages of policy with princesses of foreign birth have not always had the primary condition for happiness.

"Further than to give expression to this national wish for the Prince we shall not go; adding only that we doubt whether there is now the need that there may have been before the war to limit the choice of the Prince to the circle of the Royal blood."

POLICE REPUDIATE A CHARGE.

"STATEMENT MADE UNDER INFLUENCE OF DRINK."

When the hearing was resumed at Marylebone police-court, to-day, of the charges against George Augustine Jennings, the unsuccessful Independent Liberal candidate for North Paddington at the General Election, a mild sensation was forthcoming.

Frank James Castell and Austin Dockney are charged with Jennings with conspiracy to defraud, and on his arrest Castell made a statement to the police.

A new statement by Castell was to-day produced by Detective-Sergeant Sprackling.

Defendant's New Statement.

The opening paragraph read:—

> The statement made by me on the evening of my arrest was made voluntarily, but whilst I was under the influence of drink.
>
> I was very talkative, and anxious to be as agreeable as possible to the detectives who questioned me. and I am afraid I frequently agreed to the way they put things, wishing to do the best I could for myself, particularly as they promised me bail if I would help them, as they told me it was really Jennings they wanted, and not me.
>
> I make this statement now with a clear mind, and I regret the mistakes in the first, some parts of which must be amended.

The statement went on to speak of transactions with Jennings and another person with regard to a coal product, and concluded: "All through I acted quite innocently, and can prove Jennings did as well. The whole fault is with Robertson."

Detective-sergeant Sprackling, in reply to Mr. Muskett, denied making any promise to Castell or that he was under the influence of drink.

COUNSEL AND THE PRESS.

INTERVIEWS BARRED BY GENERAL COUNCIL.

In connection with an incident which occurred during the past year regarding the publication of an alleged interview with a leading counsel, the General Council of the Bar have passed the following resolution:—

"That it is contrary to the etiquette of the Bar for a practising barrister to give an interview to a representative of the Press on any matter in which he has been, or is, engaged as counsel."

DWARF WEDS FAT LADY.

World's Fair showmen at the Agricultural Hall to-day celebrated the wedding of Mr. Robert Goudin, the dwarf, and Miss Ruby Trixy, one of the "fat ladies."

The bridegroom weighs 3st., and is 8ft. high; the bride weighs 23st.

Three more bodies have been washed up at Laugharne, South Wales.

VILLA MURDER CHARGE.

EX-SOLDIER ACCUSED OF SPINSTER'S DEATH.

POSTCARD FOUND

ALLEGED TO BE IN MAN'S HANDWRITING.

At Stockport, to-day, Frederick Wood, an ex-soldier, stated to be a travelling upholsterer, was charged with the murder of Miss Margaret Gilchrist White, at her villa at Bramhall, on December 18. Prisoner was not represented.

Mr. Sefton Cohen, barrister, of London, prosecuting for the Public Prosecutor, outlined the circumstances attending the death, and said that marks on Miss White's body and the results of the post-mortem showed that deceased met her death by violence before she had taken her midday meal.

Cash Boxes Forced Open.

The fact that cash-boxes had been forced open and rifled indicated that the man had entered the house with the object of taking cash and cash only, as Miss White's jewellery was left untouched.

The post-mortem showed the cause of death was asphyxiation by pressure on the neck by some person other than the lady herself.

A Postcard Found.

Amongst the articles found in deceased's house, added counsel, was a postcard, on which the name of Fred Wood was written in accused's handwriting.

Mr. White, on returning home, found a chair had been newly upholstered, and neighbours heard sounds as of nails being driven into wood.

A piece of webbing was also found in deceased's bedroom, which, said counsel, could be traced to Wood.

PARIS CLIMAX

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mediately the Conference opens He is confident that the Belgian and Italian representatives will rally to his side, and, this being granted, he will be able to form a bloc against the British delegation.

Hopes of Mr. Bonar Law.

Neither the French Premier nor any individual member of his delegation has any hope of Britain adopting his point of view, but it is believed that Mr. Bonar Law will not take up a hostile attitude if the French act alone, and will even exert himself to see that French action does not encounter any hindrance from British influences in Berlin.

Americans in Favour.

By plainly showing the difficulties he has to contend with the British plan has undoubtedly strengthened M. Poincaré politically. Exactly what the other nations concerned think of the British plan remains to be seen, though it may be stated that Americans here are satisfied with it as a whole.—Central News' Special Correspondent.

BRITISH HOPEFUL.

MINISTERS SEEK A WAY OUT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Mr. Bonar Law, Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, and the British experts were engaged all the morning in a detailed examination of the French and Italian plans, which it was too late to consider deeply last night after the banquet at the Quai d'Orsay.

A Contrast.

In contrast with the intransigeant attitude of the French, who definitely reject the British plan as the basis of discussion, the British are showing every disposition to go to all reasonable lengths to meet the Allies on a compromise compatible with the fundamental principles of British policy.

Thus one may discern in British quarters a hope that the French, in order to secure the adoption of their plan, as the basis of discussion, may consent to withdraw from it some of the extreme features to which the British are unable to subscribe.

"On the Whole."

On the whole, therefore, there is not the same pessimism in British circles as in French.

Early this morning it had been decided to postpone this afternoon's meeting, but it now appears that it will be held at three o'clock as was fixed.—Reuter.

GUNMEN'S ERROR.

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drove to a plantation near Drumcondra.

Here they tied their victim to a tree, and for forty hours he was left to suffer the torture of severe frost and drenching rain.

Visited by Tormentors.

At intervals he was visited by his tormentors, but instead of food and water to drink they brought threats of death, hunger, and cold.

They failed to shake his resolve not to divulge information which might lead to the destruction of the Curragh Barracks and involve the death of some of his comrades.

He had almost abandoned hope, when his moaning attracted the attention of a passer-by, who cut the thongs which bound him.

The soldier was on the verge of collapse. Medical aid was summoned, and he is now being treated for exposure and nervous exhaustion.

LABOUR'S CAUSTIC REPLY

TO REBELS WHO WANTED WITHDRAWAL FROM DAIL.

Kildare workers have passed a resolution calling upon the Labour members of Parliament to withdraw from the Dail.

Mr. Thomas Johnson, the secretary of the Irish Labour Party, has sent a caustic reply to the effect that they have failed to appreciate the position of the Labour Party or the functions of Parliamentary institutions.

"I am afraid," he concluded, "you and others who have suggested the withdrawal of the Labour members from the Dail are thinking of the Dail as part of a single political party organisation, as it was in fact during the period of the first and second Dail. It is no longer so, and it is to be hoped will never again become so."

CONSULATE SCENE.

FIGHT FOR POSSESSION IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

After the holiday truce the Irish Free State party stole a march on the Republicans by gaining possession of the Irish Consulate here.

Sixty Republicans had assembled in the corridors of the Consulate when Mr. Crawford, the Free State Consul, appeared on the scene, accompanied by Mr. Smiddy, the Free State Envoy in Washington, and several detectives.

Food in Buckets.

They saw they were to be opposed so they formed up and rushed the crowd, reaching the office door, which they entered and relocked from the inside.

Mr. Crawford promises to remain there until the controversy is settled. He proposes to secure food by means of buckets drawn up through the windows.

Mrs. MacSwiney, who was one of the Republican party, said she had been somewhat roughly handled by the detectives, and the Republicans have appointed a committee to lodge a complaint with Mr Hylan, the Mayor of New York.—Reuter.

"Safely Installed."

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Mr. Crawford, the Irish Free State Consul, appears now to be safely installed in his offices again.

The Irish Republicans, after being driven from the Consulate by the police, proceeded to the City Hall, but their attempts to persuade Mayor Hylan to recognise the Republic failed.

Men picketed the City Hall and park yesterday evening with banners bearing the words:—

> Basil Thompson, of Scotland Yard, came to teach Hylan's police the "black-and-tan" methods. England wouldn't let Thompson arrest Muriel MacSwiney, but Hylan's lieutenant arrested her.—Central News.

RAILWAYS' PLEA.

HAVE GONE TO THE LIMIT IN CUT FARES.

The Railway Companies Association, replying to criticisms which have been passed on the recently announced reductions in fares, point out that they have gone to the limit allowed them by the present financial position of the railways.

They could not afford to make immediate all-round reductions. They have commenced by giving relief where they felt is was most urgently required.

SCHOOLCHILDREN ON STRIKE.

The children at the Great Hatfield School, near Hull, are on strike because the school managers only arranged ten days instead of fourteen for the Christmas holidays.

Attendance officers are rounding up the strikers.

COLLECTING THE TAXES

SOME PUZZLES OF CITIZENS REMOVED.

ONE RECEIVER.

(By Our Own Representative.)

An important change takes place in the method of collecting taxes this year.

Until December last the harassed citizen whose taxes were large enough to embrace more than one of the four schedules A, B, D, and E, comprising property, land, business, and employment respectively, had to deal with two officials in remitting what he owed to the State.

His taxes under A and B were paid to the local collector, while those under D and E were claimed by an Excise officer. This often helped to confuse still more the already confused income tax payer.

Substantial Economies.

The National Association of Assessors and Collectors of Government Taxes, giving evidence before a Royal Commission in 1919, pressed the suggestion that all revenue money should be collected locally by one man. Their suggestion has been adopted.

Speaking on the reform, Mr. Stanley Brown, the president of the Association, told the "Pall Mall" to-day that, first and foremost, its result would be to effect very substantial economies.

"It was tried in Manchester last year," he stated, "and the experiment was successful and encouraging. Now that all the country has adopted it, the benefits which will accrue to the taxpayer will be very big indeed.

Without an "Act."

"It has come about without even the passing of an Act of Parliament. And simply because the appointment of local collectors had lapsed to the Board of Inland Revenue."

MONEY TALKS.

The Reparations crisis is reflected in the French and Belgian exchanges.

This morning French francs were 63.75 against 62.75 last night, and Belgian 69.30 against 68.35

German marks are about unchanged. Dutch florins continue to depreciate.

MELBA IN OPERA AGAIN.

APPEARANCE AT COVENT GARDEN.

NO FEE.

HELP FOR THE BRITISH COMPANY.

The "Pall Mall" learns to-day that Dame Nellie Melba has generously consented to sing for the British National Opera Company, and will appear as Mimi in "La Boheme" on Wednesday evening, January 17.

Dame Melba is giving her services without any fee whatever, but she herself wishes that prices for stalls and boxes be slightly raised, so that her appearance may mean the greatest possible benefit to the company.

She greatly admires the enterprise of the British National Opera Company, and is glad that all the works are being sung in English.

Dame Melba herself, however, very much regrets that she will be unable to co-operate in English, as she has always sung in Italian, and there would not be sufficient time to study adequately and rehearse the work in English.

BURGLARS' ROPE AND BAG TRICK.

HOW MR. PICKWICK WAS ROBBED IN DARK.

Before daylight this morning Mr. Robert Pickwick, of Chirk Village, Denbighshire, went to his mineral water bottling stores, and, going inside without striking a light, he was attacked by unseen people, who threw a bag over his head and pulled a rope round his neck.

He was then thrown to the ground and robbed of a wallet containing £12 in Treasury notes, private papers, and a cigarette case.

His assailants then escaped, and he freed himself. It was later discovered that the store-room door had been forced open and ransacked.

ONE PENNY 1923

"The nimble Penny back again"

SOME NEW PENNYWORTHS BY BUS

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Ludgate Circus	London Bridge Stn.
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Putney Church	Walham Green Stn.
Edgware Road Stn. (Bakerloo)	Gt. Portland St. Stn.
Marlborough Rd. Stn.	Baker Street Station
Hyde Park Corner	Orchard Street
Gt. Portland St. Stn.	Piccadilly Circus
West Kilburn (Falcon Hotel)	Warwick Avenue (Underground Stn.)
Barnes (Red Lion)	Hammersmith B'dy.
Walham Green Stn.	King's Rd. (Beaufort Street)
Hammersmith	Salisbury Hotel
Shepherd's Bush Gr.	Notting Hill Gate (C.L.R.)

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LATEST TIFF AT LAUSANNE.

CONFERENCE MAY ADJOURN.

CHURCH QUESTION

ARROGANT ANGORA TURKS.

The Lausanne Conference is making no progress, and is threatened with complete breakdown.

As we reported last night, the Angora Assembly has instructed Ismet Pasha to stand by the National Pact and refuse all concessions—an impossible position.

The latest subject on which differences have arisen is the position of the Greek Patriarch in Constantinople.

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THE PATRIARCHATE.

TURKS DEMAND REMOVAL.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Lord Curzon returned to Lausanne last night from Paris.

It is reported that the adjournment of the Lausanne Conference will take place if no agreement is reached on the question of the Patriarchate.—Central News.

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BRITISH SUPPORT.

POSSIBLE WAY OUT OF DIFFICULTY.

LAUSANNE, Wednesday.

Following the refusal of the British delegate to consent to the removal of the Œcumenical Patriarchate from Constantinople and M. Caclamanos' declaration, Riza Nour Bey again said that the Patriarchate could not remain in the Turkish capital, but that the Turkish delegation would consider the Greek suggestion that the Patriarch's administrative powers should be delegated to a Vicar.

The Sub-Committee will to-day consider the amnesty question, on which there are differences of views.

It is learned from the Turkish delegation that as the result of the U.S. demand for the establishment of an Armenian National Home in Turkey, all negotiations between Turkish and American business houses have been suspended.—Central News.

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KEMAL'S FRENCH HOST.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BANQUET AT ANGORA.

The "Times" Constantinople correspondent telegraphs:—

On New Year's Eve Kemal Pasha was entertained at a banquet by Colonel Mongin, the French Diplomatic Agent, and later attended a reception given by Araloff, the Russian Soviet Envoy, who toasted the "unshakable and ever-growing friendship between Turkey and Russia."

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SUSPENDED ANIMATION.

LAUSANNE, Wednesday.

The present situation here is one of suspense. In spite of Lord Curzon's return, the only meeting so far as is known to be held to-day is that of the Minorities Sub-Commission.

Meanwhile the Allied delegates are steadily at work on the drafting of the proposed treaty. There is no official news here of reported warlike movements by Angora or of a sinister development at Constantinople.—Reuter.

SLATE CLUB CHARGE.

AN ARREST AT THREE IN THE MORNING.

Joseph James Grinyer was at Guildford to-day remanded in custody until Monday on a charge of embezzling £199, the moneys of the local Trades and Labour Slate Club.

Sergeant Bias said he arrested Grinyer at his house at three o'clock in the morning, and he replied, "I have been trying to get the money, and came home last night."

Prisoner's solicitor intimated that he would plead not guilty, and applied for bail, as the prisoner had a printing plant and might be able to make up the deficit.

Bail, however, was refused.

All the Treaty Powers having agreed to the revised Chinese Customs Tariff it will become effective from January 17.

MONEY FOR TOY HELICOPTER.

STORY OF "DISASTROUS RESULTS" FOR LOAN CLUB

£700 FRAUD CHARGE.

The story of how the financing of a toy helicopter produced "disastrous results" for a loan club was related by counsel at Clerkenwell police-court to-day, when an official of the club was charged with converting moneys thereof to his own use.

The defendant—Edward Petre Brown, railway signalman, of Lansdowne-road, Walthamstow — was charged, before Mr. Bingley, with fraudulently converting £700, the moneys of the Granville Loan and Investment Society, Scottish Stores, Caledonian-road.

Mr. Barker appeared for the Commissioner of Police, and defendant was represented by Mr. H. Ricketts.

Gave Himself Up.

Mr. Barker said that the charge arose in a peculiar way, as the defendant gave himself up to the police on December 19, at King's Cross-road police-station.

He then said, "I wish to surrender myself for misapplying £700 belonging to the Granville Loan Club, Caledonian-road.

"It is pay out night to-night, and I cannot get the money and I cannot face it.

"During the past year the funds of the society have been in low water, and in order to recoup the funds I lent some money to an inventor. The balance of the money is lent to various people."

Association Formed.

Mr. Ricketts said that defendant and another man had formed an association called the Granville Loan Discount and Finance Corporation at Bishopsgate, the men being railway officials on a small scale, and utterly incompetent to deal with the large sums of money taken in a year.

"They have apparently been trying," Mr. Barker added, "to finance a sort of toy helicopter, with disastrous results."

The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday, the 16th inst., defendant being allowed bail.

RAILWAY SHOPMEN'S DISPUTE.

G.W.R. REVISIONS TO STAND.

COURT'S DECISION.

The Industrial Court issued to-day their award on differences which have arisen between the Great Western Railway Company and the Amalgamated Engineering Union in regard to the wages and conditions of railway shopmen employed by the Great Western Railway and all companies now absorbed in that system.

The main issue between the parties was as follows:—

The company on September 30 gave notice to the railway shop staff that the rates of pay and conditions of service would be revised.

It is against these revisions on the Great Western Railway and the lines now absorbed that the workpeople raised objection.

Company's Right.

The Court state that they cannot hold that the right possessed by the Great Western to terminate an award or agreement, upon due and proper notice, has been improperly exercised.

The Union, they say, are similarly within their rights in raising objection to the application to their members of rates of pay and conditions of service which they consider are unsuitable or unfair.

In regard to difficulties as to extra payment for men employed in running sheds, the Court state this is a matter for examination by the parties. Fitters, however, are to receive six shillings per week over and above their ordinary rate.

AFFILIATION REJECTED.

RAILMEN AGAINST JOINING WITH TRANSPORT WORKERS.

A return now issued shows a majority of 46 branches and 11,435 members of the N.U.R. against the proposals for affiliation with the National Transport Workers' Federation.

CINEMA MANAGER GASSED.

Mr. Harry Saxby, who had been for several years manager of a large picture house in Nottingham, was found dead in his office last evening.

The door of the room being broken open, Mr. Saxby was found gassed.

OVER 200 CONVICTIONS.

Over 200 convictions were stated to be recorded against Eleanor Larkin, a middle-aged woman, who was fined at Bow-street to-day for being drunk.

CHLOROFORMED & ROBBED.

WIFE OF MILLIONAIRE LOSES JEWELS.

STUDIO OUTRAGE.

ARREST OF ARTIST HOST.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

A sensational outrage was discovered yesterday morning following a New Year's party, the victim being Mrs. C. P. H. Schoellkopf, wife of Mr. Jacob Schoellkopf, the Buffalo millionaire.

The had had been staying at the Ritz Carlton for some days, and on Monday night she, with other guests, visited the studio of Mr. F. B Carman, the scenic painter, in Fifty-two-street, near Fifth-avenue.

The party dispersed in the small hours of yesterday morning, and later Mrs. Schoellkopf was discovered lying in the hallway, having been chloroformed and robbed of jewellery valued at half a million dollars.

Host Arrested.

The police were called in, and last night they detained Carman and obtained warrants for the arrest of two alleged accomplices.

It is stated that Carman was some time ago befriended by the Schoellkopfs, and last summer was their guest during a European tour.—Central News.

BUNGALOW TOWN BLAZE.

OUTBREAK DESTROYS FOUR RESIDENCES.

£10,000 DAMAGE.

A big fire broke out at Bungalow Town, Shoreham, in the early hours of this morning, and four residences were destroyed, including that of Mrs. Dayer-Smith, the largest in the district.

The fire started at a bungalow named Rhodesia, and quickly spread to others, but excellent work by the Shoreham and Worthing fire brigades resulted in the outbreak being got under.

In addition to Rhodesia, the bungalows burnt out are Castledean, Castle Towers, and Gold Nest.

A considerable amount of furniture was saved.

The damage is estimated at £10,000.

STRUGGLE IN A TRAIN

YOUNG SOLDIER AND A GIRL TRAVELLER.

As sequel to an incident in a corridor train travelling from Aldershot to London, Private James Burdon, R.A.S.C., stationed at Aldershot, was at Kingston to-day fined 40s. for a common assault upon Miss Lily Adams, a shop assistant, living at East Park-road, Leicester.

A further charge against Burdon of stealing a purse containing 4s. 10d. belonging to Miss Adams was dismissed.

Prosecutrix had alleged that Burdon attempted to embrace her and that there was a struggle, in the course of which she managed to pull the alarm cord.

Prisoner's defence was that Miss Adams first spoke to him, and the only struggle was in connection with his attempt to recover ten shillings he had given her.

He had no idea of how he came to be in possession of the young woman's purse.

Miss Adams denied the imputation.

AMERICAN TRIBUTE AT THE CENOTAPH.

Major-General H. Harries, Commander-in-Chief of the American Order of the World War, who directed the training of about one million American troops during the war and took a brigade to France, placed a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph in Whitehall this morning.

Composed of laurels, palms, and anemones, the wreath bore the inscription, "Bound by ties of language, race, love of righteous liberty, and battle comradeship, those whom we salute are ours, even as they are yours."

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PAINTER EXECUTED.

MURDERER OF WOMAN WHO TAUNTED HIM.

George Frederick Edisbury, forty-four, painter, was executed at Strangeways Prison, Manchester, this morning, for the murder of Mrs. Winifred Drinkwater, fifty, with whom he had lodged. Mrs. Drinkwater, it is alleged, taunted Edisbury and another woman with their mode of life, and on July 29 Edisbury cut her throat at a house in Manchester.

CHAPTER OF MISHAPS.

CASUALTIES IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

During a run with the Whaddon Chase hounds, falls were numerous.

Mrs. Abrahams broke her ankle.

Mr. Falkiner was buried in a ditch and hurt his neck badly.

Colonel Cripps had a nasty fall, and

W. Doggett, the second whip, nearly broke his nose.

Lastly, the Master was rather badly kicked by a loose horse while trying to locate a fox in some buildings.

LONDON FINANCIER SHOT.

HIT WHILE STANDING AT HOTEL WINDOW.

STRAY BULLET.

MEXICO CITY INCIDENT.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The "New York Times" correspondent in Mexico City telegraphs that Mr. Wilfred H Gore, described as a London financier, was found dead in his hotel there yesterday morning.

There was a bullet wound in his body, and, as he was seen standing at a window on New Year's Day, it is presumed he was struck by a stray bullet fired by roughs.—Central News.

Her Highness Princess Marie Louise will preside over the Jabberwock Christmas Tree and entertainment to be given to paralysed children at the National Hospital, Queen-square, Bloomsbury, on Saturday next, January 6, at 3.30.

THE STORY OF "LA GARCONNE."

BETRAYED GIRL'S DESPERATE CAREER AS TOLD IN NOVEL THAT HAS CREATED A FURORE.

IS IT TRUE TO LIFE?

From Our Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday.

If M. Victor Margueritte had been assisted by Machiavelli, he could not have worked out a more successful scheme to sell "La Garconne" than the official attack launched by the Legion of Honour.

But M. Margueritte was innocent of all underground operations. He merely wrote a novel which so outraged the official sense of propriety that he did not have to "ask for trouble."

Without having to appeal to his friends to see that war was declared upon him by the Legion, in order that his book might become a "best-seller," he was made the object of a fierce, sudden, and quite unexpected onslaught, which has already brought him fame and soon will bring him fortune.

Why is it Denounced?

"La Garçonne" consists of 311 pages. It is sold at seven francs, and is published by the respectable firm of Ernest Flammarion, 26, Rue Racine.

Last summer it was on sale in all the usual Paris bookshops, where I have seen it often, but always ignored it for the work of better known writers. No worldly person will be able to treat the books of Victor Margueritte in this cavalier fashion in the days to come.

But why is "La Garçonne" denounced as outrageous, sinister, or infamous by the censors of the Legion of Honour?

The Story.

It is the story of a girl of the "haute bourgeois," the daughter of wealthy parents, who has been carefully brought up by an elderly maiden aunt in the South of France.

At the age of eighteen she becomes engaged to a man approved of by her father and mother, who are Parisians. She loves this man, a psychological condition which is not generally considered of paramount importance in French marriages.

One day—they are soon to be married—when they are inspecting together what is to become their future residence, the man persuades his fiancée to yield to him.

Beginning of Desperate Career.

This proves to be the beginning of her desperate—or despairing—career.

Soon afterwards she sees, quite by chance, her lover accompanying another woman under suggestive circumstances.

She had received an anonymous letter about the man some time before. That, however, had been got over, but now she recognises that he is indeed unfaithful. The revelation is too much for her. It is New Year's Eve, and she happens to be with her mother and some friends at a restaurant when enlightenment comes.

It is late at night. She makes a hurried excuse, pleads sudden indisposition, tells her mother that she is going home, and then departs.

She is in a state of nervous tension almost bordering on madness. She is scarcely conscious of her actions. She walks through the streets like a somnambulist.

Strange Man Appears.

After an hour, just as she turns wearily to get into a taxi, a strange man appears on the scene and thrusts his companionship upon her. She has no resistance left, and is in a half-dazed condition.

She is dominated—one sees that it is inevitable—by thé stranger, who drives off with her in the taxi.

Much later, when she has recovered her senses, she leaves the man, but, alas! not until after the worst has happened.

Mother's Advice.

On reaching home in the small hours she finds her mother, who is, of course, distracted with anxiety, and confides in her.

She tells the whole story about her fiancé, her relations with him, how she has discovered him with another woman, and how, in a state of madness resulting from her despair, she has herself been overcome by a stranger of the street.

The mother advises that there is only one course for her to follow, and that is for her to marry the fiancé immediately. This the girl refuses to do.

When the father hears what has happened, he supports his wife's view: that the marriage should take place. Still, the girl, whose name, by the way, is Monique, refuses to alter her decision

Goes Away.

She has been wronged by the man she loves; he has been faithless, and she will not marry him. Her elderly aunt, her only real confidante, dies. This is final. She goes away.

Up to this point, the girl of the story has clearly been more sinned against than sinning. She may be weak and her emotions may be strong. But she is not a vicious woman. She falls from the heights of idealism into an abyss.

An Emancipated Life.

Although her parents are wealthy, Monique decides to throw off parental control and lead an emancipated life on the money she inherits from her aunt.

She ultimately founds a business, off the Faubourg St. Honoré, for the artistic decoration of houses.

She has remarkable taste and a gift for picking up antique furniture. She prospers

Decline of Morals.

Her morals, however, decline. She is an extremist. She does everything that has ever been done by a woman since the world began.

M. Margueritte leaves little to the imagination. Imagination, in truth, may be said to play a very small part in the book itself.

It is a novel of observation rather than imagination. Everything that Margueritte describes happens in the lives of certain depraved women and men, to be found in London, as well as Paris. The influences which set in motion some tendencies are not always unfathomable

Diseased Parts of Society.

Margueritte has a surgical way of laying bare the diseased parts of society. He shows those parts exactly as they are.

We see how contagion spreads. We watch the evolution of Monique, who neglects nothing, not even the little things from opium to short dyed hair.

We have seen her in her innocence and we follow her as she drifts from vice to vice.

She always has plenty of money of her own, so that her immoralities, of whatever sort they may be, are never associated with mercenary motives

She has waves of womanly feeling, too, and never entirely abandons searching for a lovable mate. Motherhood becomes in her an ambition, though it is never realised.

—But a Happy Ending.

Contrary to most French novels, this story has a happy ending.

Monique, on yet another New Year's Eve, agrees to marry a man she has known all her life. "Ayez confiance," he tells her. "Les mauvais jours sont finis! La route Tourne."

There is a great deal of unsavoury matter in "La Garçonne," but it is the work of an accomplished writer, who does not appear to have touched the most unhealthy phases of life merely to gratify low tastes.

He describes what really exists, because he means to expose his weak, well-bred heroine to all the temptations which daily confront her sisters in London and Paris.

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R. A. J.

Q.—I have been employed by one firm for nearly forty years, and am now retiring. Instead of giving me a pension, they have given me a lump sum of £2,000. Am I compelled to pay income tax on this. If so, at what rate?

A.—Since the £2,000 is for services rendered you would strictly be liable for tax on same the year in which you received it. It all depends upon how the company charges the £2,000 in their acounts for income tax. If they claim relief in respect of it you must pay.

J. W. (London, S.E. 19).

Q.—Earned income, £328; dividends from investments, £247 5s. 9d. (less 6s. tax deducted at base—£74 4s. 8d.); have leasehold house, rental value £60 p.a. 5 months' possession of which falls in financial year 1921-22; ground rent £18 p.a.; house duty 30s.; insurance 18s. p.a.; Superannuation annuity payable to ex-employee of £80—first quarter of which (£20) falls in above financial year; married; two infant children. What tax, and what amount can I reclaim as difference between 6s. and 3s. rate?

A.—You have a claim for repayment on £175 at 3s. in the £—£26 5s.

J. T. T.

A.—You should communicate with Wilfred T. Fry, 13, Buckingham Palace-gardens, S.W. 1.

H. G.

Q.—Main occupation as insurance company official is assessed under Schedule E. In spare time I run small business (private limited company), receiving no salary or other remuneration, and, in view of trade depression, this "side line" shows a loss. Am I entitled to deduct from the Schedule E assessment my proportion of this loss?

A.—As the company is apparently a limited one, the loss made by the company cannot be set against your individual assessment as an insurance company's official.

RETLAW (Hornsey).

Q.—(1) Where owner pays rates and taxes on house property should he return the gross amount received or the net amount after deduction of rates and taxes? If the latter, are the local rates and taxes allowable in a claim for relief?

(2) If the tenant pays the rates to local authorities, does the owner pay on the actual amount of cash received?

(3) B. has some property which has been assessed for rateable value at £42. Owing to change of tenancy the house has let for two years past at £84. but Income Tax Commissioners claim on the local assessment. Should the owner enter the amount assessed or the actual amount received?

(4) On warehouse or shop property is the one-sixth allowance made for repairs, and is excess repairs over that sum allowed when assessing income tax?

(5) Can owner group house property in different districts, but in the same tax area, when claiming this one-sixth rebate from any amount in excess thereof, or must each property stand on its own basis?

A.—(1) He should return the net Schedule "A" assessment on the property.

(2) See 1.

(3) The above remark appliss, the net assessment of £42 should be returned.

(4) Only one-sixth is allowed in the assessment; an excess repairs can only be claimed by way of repayment.

(5) The properties must be grouped as to their estates. Where an owner owns more than one property, the properties must be grouped.

[Many replies are unavoidably held over.]

TO-NIGHT'S BROADCASTING PROGRAMME.

The British broadcasting programme for to-night is as follows:—

5 to 5.45.—Children's Stories, etc.

6.30 to 7.—Orchestra—March, "The Liberators" (Ancliffe); overture, "Fierrebras" (Schubert); characteristic piece, "Grasshopper's Dance" (Bucalossi).

7.—News.

7.30 to 8.45.—Orchestra—Ballet Music, "La Source" (Délibes); entr'acte, "Mélodie Caprice" (Squire); Norwegian Rhapsody (Svendsen). Miss Annette Blackwell (soprano), "Sing, Break into Song" (Mallinson). Orchestra — Intermezzo, "The Wedding of the Rose" (Jessel). Mr. Middleton Woods (entertainer), character sketch.

8.25 to 8.50.—Orchestra—Dance Music—Foxtrot, "If Winter Comes"; One-step, "Beaver"; Valse, "Smiling Through"; Foxtrot, "Why, dear?"; Foxtrot, "The Sheik."

9 to 9.15.—Mr. Topliss Green (baritone), "Thou art risen, my Beloved" (Coleridge-Taylor); "Onaway, Awake, Beloved" (Cowen). Miss Annette Blackwell, 'Linden Lea" (Vaughan Williams); "Faëry Song" (Rutland Boughton).

9.30.—News.

9.50 to 10.30. — Orchestra—Selection, "Véronique" (Messenger). Mr. Topliss Green, "The Lane to Anywhere" (Edward Green). Orchestra—Entr'acte, "April Message" (Ancliffe). Mr. Middleton Woods (entertainer). Orchestra—Incidental Music to "Gabrielle" (Rosse). At the piano, Mr. L. Stanton Jefferies.

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GAS DEATHS DISCLOSURES.

CAUSE OF PIPE FRACTURE.

FALLACIES!

QUESTION OF ODOUR AND QUALITY.

A Coroner's jury which, to-day, inquired into the Bethnal Green tragedy, stated:—

> That the gas escaped from a fractured main pipe in the roadway, and that the pipe, though laid in 1889 in a manner involving no neglect at that date, fractured on account of its having been laid across some brickwork which caused unequal support and consequent strain as a result of a subsidence of the subsoil.

Expert witnesses denied reports recently current that gas was now practically odourless, and therefore escapes were not so easily detected as formerly.

As to the general character of the gas, it was said to be substantially the same as it had been for twenty-two years.

FALLACIFS.

NO SUCH THING AS ODOURLESS GAS.

The inquest was held by Dr. Edwin Smith.

A number of people were found suffering from the effects of gas poisoning in Gales-gardens, and in No. 6 were found three persons who had succumbed. They were George Frederick Holloway, aged fifty-seven, Ada Ellen Holloway, his wife, aged forty-six, and Edwin George Holloway, their son, aged ten.

Considerable interest was shown in the inquiry. Those present included the Rev. G. E. A. Whitworth (Mayor of Bethnal Green), Mr. Percy Harris, M.P. for South-West Bethnal Green, and Mr. David Keep (town clerk of Bethnal Green).

Mr. Streatfield, solicitor, represented the Gas Light and Coke Company. Mr. Butterfield, Gas Referee to the Board of Trade, was also present.

Striking Facts.

The Coroner said it was a decidedly disconcerting fact that one could die in one's sleep from gas poisoning without waking.

"In my courts," continued the coroner, "I have had a number of cases in which the same feature has been present. This shows the very poisonous and insidious way coal gas can cause its victims to pass from sleep to death without waking.

"The question occurs as to whether it is possible to lessen the poisonous ingredients in gas or to introduce an irritant which would give rise to an irritating cough to awake the sufferer who might be asleep during the escape of gas. It would have to be something that could be burned up and rendered harmless when used in the ordinary way."

Three Questions.

Mr. Percy Harris, at the Coroner's invitation, addressed the Court.

He said there were three questions which no doubt would be considered by the jury:—

1. Whether these gas mains that apparently were the cause of the accident were very old.
2. Whether there was proper periodical inspection; and
3. Whether the gas in its new form was more dangerous than the old.

It was a very important point for the people of London whether, after a period of years, it was necessary to overhaul gas mains and replace them from time to time.

A Thoughtful Neighbour.

Walter Steven Colvin, of 11, Gale's-gardens, stated that during the earlier part of Thursday evening, December 28, he smelt a strong escape of gas about the place, and wrote a postcard to the Gas Light and Coke Company.

At 3.30 next morning the smell got worse and he went to Bethnal Green-road police-station. The sergeant telephoned to the company at once.

Witness afterwards aroused the other occupants in the vicinity.

Mr. Streatfield pointed out that the postcard was not received until eight o'clock next morning.

Cause of Fracture.

Mr. A. R. Lodge, Assistant Surveyor to the Bethnal Green Corporation, gave evidence as to going to Gale's-gardens and finding a fracture in the gas main.

Asked by the coroner as to whether he found any indication of what caused the fracture, witness said the pipe had been resting on some brickwork, and it was probably due to this fact, coupled with the sinking of the sub-soil.

A gas main should not be placed on brickwork; it should be laid uniformly on soil.

Frank Edwards, surface layer, employed by the gas company, gave it as his opinion that the brickwork had been put there since the main was laid.

Mr. Lodge, recalled, took the view that it was old brickwork. The Corporation had no record of building there at all.

A Good Pipe.

Mr. Stephen Lacey, distributing engineer to the Gas Light and Coke Company, said it was a good specimen of cast-iron pipe. There were no signs of deterioration.

Same Odour, Same Quality.

It had been suggested, said witness, that the gas as now supplied had not the same distinctive smell as formerly. There was no foundation for that suggestion.

He added that there had been nine cases, resulting in nineteen deaths, in twenty-two years in the company's area through gas escaping from mains.

Board of Trade Watch.

Mr. Butterfield, of the Board of Trade, said that the gas in the company's area generally was substantially the same as it had been for twenty years.

There was no ground for the statement that there had been a large difference in the character of the gas supplied. That point was being carefully watched by the Board of Trade.

Impracticable.

Mr. Butterfield said that it was practically impossible to suggest the addition of any irritant gas which would rouse people from their sleep.

The danger was greatly reduced by the strong smell of gas, which informed people awake of an escape of gas. It was illegal to supply gas without that strong smell of coal-gas.

SAFE BREAKER'S DASH FOR LIBERTY.

SURPRISED WHILE ROBBING AN ACTRESS.

THEATREGOERS SHOT.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

John Russo was surprised this afternoon while attempting to break open a safe in the apartment of Miss Helen Shirley, an actress, at Forty-fourth-street, just off the Broadway theatre centre.

He fired three shots at a policeman and ran into Broadway.

In Times-square he shot a man and a woman among the matinée throng, and attempted to escape in a taxicab which he had commandeered, but was overtaken and caught by a detective who followed in another cab.—Central News.

MUSSOLINI'S IRON HAND.

ROME, Wednesday.

The Prefect of Turin has been deprived of his post by Signor Mussolini for not having dealt sufficiently severely with the recent disturbances in the city between Fascisti and Communists.

The Prefect of Verona also has been dismissed for having allowed the Fascisti to take possession of the local telephones.—Exchange.

The proprietors of the "Stock Exchange Gazette" announce that on and after January 4 next the price will be reduced from 9d. to 6d. weekly

DOUBLE TRAGEDY VERDICT.

GIRL WHO "HAD TAKEN UP WITH ANOTHER MAN."

MOTHER'S STORY.

SON'S FEAR THAT LOVER WOULD GO ADRIFT.

The inquest in connection with the double tragedy in the Hornsey Rise tenement house on Saturday, when two lovers were found with their throats cut, was held to-day by Mr. Schroder at the Chapel of Ease, Highbury.

The victims of the tragedy were:—

Alfred James Hardiman, aged 35, and

Mary Ellen Street, aged 22.

and the jury returned a verdict that the woman was murdered by the man, who committed suicide while of unsound mind.

Last Letter to Father.

The girl's father, Mr. Samuel Street, corn miller, of Acres Ford, near Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, said that his daughter was a linen sorter.

He understood that she was keeping company with a young man, although she was not engaged to be married to him.

She wrote to him from time to time, although he had not seen her for about three years, and he received a letter from her as recently as December 23, when she appeared to be quite happy.

Headaches.

Hardiman's widowed mother, Mrs. Clara Eleanor Hardiman, said that her son, who was a decorator and single, had always resided with her.

Until recently he was fairly healthy, but during the last three weeks he had suffered from headaches, and often said that he was very ill.

In 1917, witness said, her son joined the Army, but was in hospital for a year.

During an air raid in London he had a great shock, and had never seemed the same afterwards.

"He Loved Her."

Mrs. Hardiman said that her son had kept company with Miss Street for three years.

"He loved her," she said, "with a pure and moral love." They were not engaged. Someone had said to Miss Street that he was too old.

Having described how the family were quite happy on the eve of the tragedy, Mrs. Hardiman said that Miss Street had taken up with another man, and her son did not like it.

Last Wednesday he was particularly distressed, his fear being that Miss Street was going away, and would go adrift.

Her son had never threatened suicide or violence, and had never quarrelled with Miss Street.

"I am sure he did not mean to do this thing," said Mrs. Hardiman, and she added that her son had left her no letter.

Miss Elizabeth Campbell, head linen-keeper at the Regent Palace Hotel, said she had known Miss Street for the last nine months. She worked under witness. There was no change in her demeanour, and she was not under notice to leave.

How the Tragedy Occurred.

Miss Bessie Hardiman, sister of the dead man, said that Miss Street shared a room with her.

On Friday night her brother was very quiet and depressed. He prepared breakfast on the following morning. Witness, Miss Street, and Alfred were together in the kitchen and scullery.

Suddenly witness heard a thud. Turning round she saw her brother standing over the gas-stove with his hand in his mouth. He appeared to be choking.

Witness shouted and fetched her brother. When they came back they found the bodies on the floor.

No Quarrel.

The Coroner: Did you hear any words uttered by either?—There was no sound whatever.

There had been no quarrel?—No, sir.

Witness said she believed her brother and Miss Street did not converse at all during the morning. Lately her brother's eyes had been tired and tearful. He was very jealous of Mary, alhough he had not proposed to her so far as witness knew.

Message on Envelope.

After evidence of the wounds and the discovery of a razor, the mortuary-keeper said he found an envelope in Hardiman's hip pocket, on which was written, "Mary Street, the cause of it all."

The jury then returned their verdict as stated.

LEE DOON TO BE HANGED.

The Home Secretary has stated that he is unable to advise any interference with the sentence of death passed on the Chinese, Lee Doon, at the Leeds Assizes on December 1.

FIRE MYSTERY AT HENDON.

CHARRED BODY IN PRINTING ROOM.

EXPLOSION SEQUEL.

WINDOW BLOWN INTO STREET.

There were remarkable features in a fire which occurred at Hendon this morning, when a man, believed to be Thomas Chandless, aged 31, was burned to death.

Soon after seven o'clock, as a police inspector was passing Chandless' printer's shop at 198, The Broadway, West Hendon, an explosion occurred, and the window was blown out into the street.

An alarm was raised, and a butcher living close by woke up two other people living over the shop, and they were able to make a hurried escape through the back.

Charred Body.

The Hendon Fire Brigade, under Captain Adams, was on the spot four minutes after receiving the alarm. and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

The charred remains of a man, clad only in singlet and slippers, were then found lying with the head towards the door in the printing room, but the body was so badly burned that it was impossible to identify it at first, and it was accordingly removed to the Hendon mortuary.

Examination made of the upstairs rooms showed that the man's bed had been slept in.

He had been away on a holiday to Exeter, and is said to have returned to the shop last night.

A Surprise.

Another report says that it was believed that Mr. Chandless was away, and the firemen were surprised when the body, supposed to be his, was found. His wife and children are at Exeter.

The people who escaped are named Candler. They occupied the upper floor of the building.

There was a strong smell of gas in the shop, but the fittings are stated to have been in order.

"DEAD" MAN WHO CAME BACK.

UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS WANDERINGS.

STILL DAZED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OXFORD, Wednesday.

Frank Eltome, the man who was believed to be dead and buried at Northmoor, but who reappeared at Sulihull last night under dramatic circumstances, reached his home at Oxford at two o'clock this morning.

I had an interview with him later, add he does not seem to be able to account for his wanderings.

Hastings is the only place he is sure he has been to.

Why He Reported.

The reason why he reported to the police, he explains, is that someone, in a similar position, showed him an old newspaper with his photograph on it, and as he did not know what to do about t, he decided to visit the police-station at Solihull.

He still seems dazed, but Mr. Frank Gray, M.P. for Oxford, is giving him every assistance.

PRISON FOR BANK CLERK

£450 FRAUDS IN ORDER TO PAY MONEYLENDERS.

Doulas Cameron Dow, a bank clerk, thirty-five, was sentenced at Mansion House, to-day, to three months' imprisonment in the second division for obtaining a bank draft of £450 from the National Provincial and Union Bank of England (Princes-street branch) by false pretences.

Mr. Myers defending, said that Dow got heavily in debt, became absolutely "broke," and the whole of the £450 went to pay off moneylenders and debts he had incurred.

BREAKING INTO UNCLE'S.

At Highgate, to-day, Cecil Charles Rhodes, a smartly-dressed young clerk, appeared on remand charged with attempting to break into his uncle's house. at Muswell Hill.

The uncle now attended and said his nephew was a good boy, and had he been at home he would have given him the money for which he stated, at the previous hearing, he went to the House.

Upon this the Bench dismissed the case.

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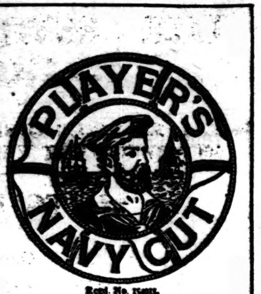

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YOUR CHILDREN'S TOYS.

By CALLISTHENES.

Christmas is over! And next Christmas seems such a long way off! Yet for all boys and girls living in the wonderful world of today, there is not too much time, even in three hundred and sixty-five days, to make the most of all the opportunities offered in every field.

All over the world people are working for your children. Great scientists are writing books for them—telling them about the wonders which men have discovered, great artists are painting pictures for them and illustrating books for them; men of originality and imagination are planning games and toys that will not only amuse them (and that they should *enjoy* their toys is a very, very important thing), but will also help them to think, and, above all, to create for themselves. Nor let us forget the doctors who are studying children in health and in disease so that they may work for them in building up healthy bodies and strong, straight bones; the educationists who are training teachers to teach the subjects they want to learn in the way in which they most easily absorb them, the manufacturers who are applying the new knowledge to toys and books and clothes for them.

And in order that these boys and girls of to-day, *men and women of to-morrow*, may show their appreciation of all our efforts, there is one big resolution you must make for them. Help them to learn to get *the best out of the toys*, as out of all materials—books, clothes, games. We have done our part in providing the right toys; they must do theirs in learning to use them.

Perhaps this Christmas your child had a toy concertina given him, or a set of Meccano or a toy village. Now there are lots of ways of making other people miserable with concertinas, and Meccano sets, and toy villages. You can just bang the concertina in and out, ignoring all the stops at the side which will help you to play real music (and that many children do do this is shown by the fact that lots of mothers and fathers said they dared not buy this instrument because there would be too much noise); or you can leave the beautiful steel strips of Meccano lying about in other people's way; or you can let the baby get hold of a tin animal from your village and suck all the paint off it.

But it is better to learn to play the concertina, *or* the drum, *or* the dollie's piano properly; to learn to play little tunes which will please other people and will delight the child, too, because he will be making real music. And after conscientiously following instructions to make Primus and Meccano and Gilbert models he can create new models for himself. This isn't done by just using the parts haphazard as they come, but by deliberate and careful planning first on paper, and then with the steel itself. Again, with his toy village he can draw his own streets and fields, with a paint box, brush, and pencil; he can make a model of his own town with the houses he has been given.

Nowadays we are all welcoming the spirit of play into our work. Children can do lots of real work with toys—learn architecture from bricks, and geometrical construction from models; learn physics and chemistry, magnetism and electricity from "scientific toys."

But your children are sure occasionally to get into difficulties if they do good work, and they will need direction and advice. The new Meccano Model will not work; Jack can't get quite the tune he is trying for from his musical toy. Or he may not quite understand a big word in one of his books. When this happens, tell him to come and consult us about it. Selfridge's, "the Store that is fond of Children," has tried all this Christmas to help you, parents and friends, to choose the *right* toy, to buy just the book which will tell you exactly what you want to know. Our efforts for children are not over even then; we want to help them to get the best out of their toys, and the most knowledge out of their books.

Let the parents' New Year resolve be to allow us to help your children to become boys and girls with eager, intelligent minds, making work and play the same big, beautiful thing.

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A PAYING POLICY.

MR. BONAR LAW'S PLAN FOR GERMANY.

Is it better to smash up Germany or to convert her into a paying debtor? That is the question underlying the two Reparation policies now before the Paris Conference. No doubt the smashing-up has been well deserved. On moral grounds there would be no reason to shed a tear over the worst consequences of such a course as the French Government proposes. But what would it profit the Allies themselves to inflict such a punishment? It would make an economic "hole" in Europe that must produce landslides in all neighbouring countries. And least of all would it bring any advantage to France, who has based her public finance on the assumption of receiving very large sums from her late invader.

The French programme involves the putting of some of Germany's most important assets in the hands of an Allied receivership even during the two years' moratorium to which M. POINCARE would agree. Few businesses can be properly developed under such conditions, and when it is a case of a whole nation, it is exceedingly improbable that it would work to its best productive capacity with "the brokers in the house." If France wants her money or any substantial part thereof, she seems to be following the most unlikely method of getting it. The British view is that there is more to be obtained by letting the debtor get into full commercial swing than by selling him up.

Mr. BONAR LAW'S scheme is guided in all its features by a consideration of practical business possibilities. It aims at making Germany pay whatever can be fairly expected from her capacity within a reasonable time. It brings her liability down to the figure which in the opinion of most economists is really attainable. It offers to our creditors, on condition of their accepting the general plan, a remission of two-thirds of what they owe to ourselves. It stipulates for a thorough reform of German finance under a foreign Commission which is to sit in Berlin. It takes all the precautions against evasion, which can be reconciled with giving Germany a real chance to pay.

The opening reception of the British Premier's proposals in France is strongly hostile. The popular sense of economic realities in that country is so imperfect that nothing else could have been expected. The only hope is that in political circles there may be sufficient illumination to make a closer approach to businesslike standpoints.

If France goes her own way, seizing "pledges" and collecting what she can after an inadequate moratorium, we need not be sorry for Germany, but we shall be sorry for France herself with an irretrievably "bad debt," a growing deficit in her finance, and a franc that must fall very far below its present value. And we shall be equally sorry for Europe at large under the sentence of a prolonged depression, of which we shall not fail to incur our full share.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Sir George Younger's Successor:—Westminster Hall:—A Friend of Japan:—O.B.E.'s Worth Having:—Destroying the Welsh Harp:—The German Reeds

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1923.

Sir George Younger's Successor.

Only a few days ago I was able to give an emphatic contradiction to the rumour that Colonel Gretton, M.P., was to succeed Sir George Younger as chairman of the Conservative party organisation.

The matter is still being discussed, and the latest name to be mentioned in connection with the post is that of Sir John Baird, the First Commissioner of Works.

Sir John declines to say anything on the subject at present, but more improbable things have happened. Curiously enough, he succeeded Sir George Younger in the representation of Ayr Burghs.

Westminster Hall.

At last the work of restoring the roof of Westminster Hall is approaching completion. Before the end of March all the scaffolding will have been removed, and the ancient beams will be seen again in all their rich splendour.

The work, begun in 1914, has been carried out with extraordinary success. Some three hundred and fifty tons of steel, although invisible, are now slung through the wood work, and if the powerful insecticide with which the old oak has been impregnated keeps at bay the Death Watch beetle there is no reason why centuries should not pass before any anxiety need be felt again.

Sir Frank Baines, who has been in charge of the work, has already received the congratulations of the King and Queen, who have never ceased to take an interest in the work, and only recently inspected the roof once again.

A Friend of Japan.

The late Mr. Arthur Diosy was undoubtedly one of the greatest authorities on all questions relating to the Far East. It was his profound interest in Japan that induced him to found the Japan Society, of which he later became Vice-President.

Mr. Diosy was an intensely interesting lecturer and a vigorous and lucid writer. He had travelled in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America, and at the gatherings of the Royal Geographical Society, of which he was a Fellow, he was always welcome. Mr. Diosy was a Knight Commander of the Rising Sun of Japan, and had also received honours from France and Portugal.

O.B.E.'s Worth Having.

The New Year Honours' list has produced general satisfaction among junior regimental officers, of whom a number have been rewarded with the O.B.E. for service in Ireland prior to the truce.

Practically every act of gallantry for which the O.B.E. was awarded in Ireland would have earned the V.C. in a pukka campaign, but owing to the political nature of the conflict, this could not be given.

However, in military circles, the Irish O.B.E.'s really do count as very much worth having, and every officer possessing one is looked upon as a marked man. The only pity is that there is no distinguishing mark on the ribbon.

Budget Surplus.

I see that the expected Budget surplus has led some of our politico-economic pundits to say that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will probably reduce taxation next year.

Surplus or no surplus, I rather think Mr. Baldwin will reduce taxation. I can imagine the outcry if he does not.

Not from surpluses can we expect relief, but from the great cuts in administrative charges which have long been demanded, and from the abandonment of those Coalition policies of adventure that are universally condemned.

What of the Health Ministry?

I imagine that most income-tax payers, tired of the burden they are carrying, are scrutinising the activities of the Ministry of Health.

After its Graded Milk recommendation, many people will see no further use for a Ministry the designation of which is an absurdity.

If the Ministry is dealing with other matters in the same way that it has dealt with the question of tuberculous and dirty milk, the sooner we cut it out the better.

The country has no money to waste upon pretentious illusions.

Buy Your Own House?

I notice one amusing remedy being suggested for the house shortage, which is that people should be encouraged to own their own houses.

Personally, I doubt if anyone today would buy a house willingly. People do buy because there is often no alternative, but they do it in fear and trembling.

Experienced house-owners who run their property as a business know how to deal with local authorities, private owners do not, and are at a disadvantage.

Be On Your Guard.

Then there are ground landlords and their leases to be considered. It has been no uncommon thing lately for an unwary purchaser, who has bought a house, to be suddenly called upon to execute all kinds of structural repairs.

My advice to would-be buyers is, don't, if you can help it.

If you cannot, then buy freeholds only. And if you cannot do that scrutinise carefully every condition of every lease before parting with your money.

Lee Keedick's Lecturers.

"Lee Keedick" is not a nom de plume, but the real name of one of the liveliest wires in America. He is the successor of the famous Major Pond whose dollars and enterprise used to draw all the biggest Britishers to lecture in the States.

Lee Keedick is making history in the same way, and cementing a good understanding between this country and the mighty continent across the water. His lecturers last year were Hugh Walpole, John Drinkwater, Sir Paul Dukes, and Sir Basil Thomson, and this year he has already booked Hilaire Belloc and George Leigh Mallory, one of the leaders of the Mount Everest expedition.

Keedick aims at big targets and seldom misses his man, but there is one elusive personality that he hasn't bagged yet—Sir James Barrie. He has tried hard, and failed. I suggest that he tries Maconachie instead!

Destroying the Welsh Harp.

As a pleasure ground for Londoners the Welsh Harp has now practically disappeared. The one-time popular "lake" now holds no water, except for the small stream a few feet wide which flows through it to come out as the Brent a little further along.

I understand that the idea is to build houses upon the site sooner or later. The place is being gradually filled up, the soil taken from the new round-London road, which runs alongside the Harp, being used for the filling-in purpose.

There can be no doubt that the future will see this part of suburban London as a very populous district, although at present there is a decided stretch of country lying between Cricklewood and Hendon, the latter of which lies just to the north of the past boating playground.

Sandhurst Cadets.

Several Sandhurst cadets have recently complained to me that it is most inconvenient not knowing to what regiment they have been gazetted until six or seven weeks after the termination of their course at the Royal Military College.

It means that they cannot do anything definite about uniform, and have then to get fixed up to join in perhaps the space of only a few days.

Surely this state of things is not necessary in peace time.

Bad Coal.

There is a great deal of bad coal about at present, even among the so-called best varieties, which are often composed chiefly of slate and stone.

As a matter of fact, it is not always the coal merchant who is to blame if you get some of the doubtful stuff. It is very hard for him to tell if the foreign properties are present, especially if they are covered with the "pukka" material.

My own coalman warned me to examine carefully what I was getting before I permitted the vendor to take away his cart. Of course, it is none too easy for a novice to tell at a glance whether the "black diamonds" are worthless (comparatively) or not. He usually has to wait until the fire refuses to burn before he discovers his mistake.

The Magic Therm.

The absurdity of the therm as the basis of gas charge needs no fresh exposure. It is patent.

The assertion of some gas companies—in answer to the charge that their gas is more deadly than it used to be—that there has been no change whatever, makes me wonder whether the therm is of any value as a basis of quality.

If the gas companies are sending over the old gas, why bother about its heating power at all?

If they are sending over a gas of greater heating power then its constitution must have been altered.

Or has chemistry been replaced by magic at the gas works.

To Encourage House Building.

I am continually being told that it is essential to encourage house building, or the speculative builder cannot get to work.

This is no doubt the case with regard to working-class dwellings, but what more encouragement does the builder of villas want than a ready sale.

In one residential suburb with which I am acquainted there seems to be no difficulty as yet in disposing of new houses, even at prices which, compared with those of pre-war days, are farcically high.

Taxi "No Change."

I find it a great nuisance that taxi-cab owners send their men out with no change.

Only yesterday I had reason to take a taxi at eleven o'clock in the morning. My fare was 1s. 3d. I gave the driver 2s. "Please give me sixpence," said I.

The driver grunted, and said he had no change; and even suggested that it was my business to have it.

Taxi-cab owners should see that this annoyance is avoided; naturally some cabs do not get "fares" early in the day.

A Certain Cure.

Even when they do have change drivers have a nervous impediment in their arms which prevents them from getting at it as quickly as one could wish.

A friend of mine tells me that his remedy for this disease is to take back the coin or note tendered and give the exact fare.

Of course, this implies that you have enough mixed change, and really, when travelling, it is always better to have it, as it circumvents over-charge and the taking of bad money.

The German Reeds.

A correspondent desires to supplement the article on the "German Reeds and Corney Grain," the writer of which said that they never performed out of London.

"As a matter of fact," my correspondent says, "they appeared regularly at the New Theatre, Oxford, 'for one night only' twice yearly, from the early nineties to the lamented death of Corney Grain, with Miss Fanny Holland and Avalon Collard.

"That they had crowded houses goes without saying. Whatever piece they were playing at St. George's Hall at the time was in the bill.

"On one occasion the pièce de résistence was entitled 'Tommy at College,' and Corney Grain was at his best.

"The stalls and dress circle were crowded with heads of colleges and grave and reverend seigneurs such as the New Theatre has never before or since witnessed, rocking with mirth at Corney's inimitable drolleries.

"I may say I first saw Corney Grain in the early seventies (and, of course, the German Reeds) in 'Ages Ago,' at Stratford-on-Avon, in the Old Theatre, since demolished.

"Corney Grain was a slim young fellow then."

The Clubman.

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PROTEST AGAINST FILM STAR'S REAPPEARANCE.

PROBABLE OFFICIAL BAN ON "FATTY" ARBUCKLE.

ACQUITTAL SEQUEL.

From Our New York Correspondent.

A storm of protest has been aroused by the announcement that Roscoe Arbuckle, a former film star, popularly known as "Fatty," who was once featured in motion pictures all over the world, is about to be reinstated by one of the leading producers.

After two sensational trials in San Francisco on the charge of being concerned in the death of Virginia Rappe, a motion picture actress, Arbuckle was acquitted, but the facts in the case caused such widespread indignation that all films in which he appeared were withdrawn, in spite of the enormous loss involved.

It was then announced that Arbuckle had definitely retired.

Religious bodies of all denominations, as well as women's associations, are uniting in the protest against Arbuckle's reappearance, which is declared to be an insult to decent men and women.

Should these remonstrances prove ineffectual, it is probable that the authorities of the various States will place an official ban upon the proposed revival.

Most Curious Defence.

A curious defence was made this week by a bank manager who had stolen £10,000, his plea being that he had used the money in order to gratify every whim of his wife in the hope of compensating her for their childlessness, a condition for which he blamed himself.

Alienists testified in his behalf that his thefts were simply subconscious efforts to rehabilitate his ego. The psychological effect of the act, they explained, was to restore his ego, which felt wounded because of inferiority. In spite of this ingenious explanation, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The judge, however, was apparently impressed by the testimony, for he imposed a somewhat mild penalty, the defendant being sentenced to not less than six nor more than three years in the State prison.

Bear Attacks Motorist.

Motorists in England are usually much concerned when they happen to kill a chicken or two or run over a stray pig, but America furnishes much more exciting sport.

While driving near Rochester, New York, this week, a resident of that city was suddenly confronted by an enormous brown bear, which rushed from the woods with an angry roar and leaped into the car.

In defence he threw the machine into gear and caught the bear several times on its sensitive nose. A sudden lurch of the car threw it into the road, whereupon it fled.

An equally exciting adventure befell a citizen of Salisbury, Maryland, who was attacked by a huge eagle while driving on the outskirts of the town, the battle being transferred to the road. After a fight of several minutes the motorist managed to knock the bird senseless with a club that he had secured, and then despatched it.

Clue by Stethoscope.

In his lectures in America, Sir Basil Thomson, former head of Scotland Yard, has endorsed the popular belief that a criminal will often times return to the neighbourhood of his exploits to repeat his misdeeds.

Evidence of this was strangely furnished this week in the case of a former actor who was arrested while attempting to burgle an apartment in Fifty-fifth-street.

From his description the police were convinced that he was the man who had recently assaulted and robbed Dr. Henry Moeller, a well-known heart specialist, nearly eighty years old, who lives in Fifty-seventh-street.

The physician, who was sent for, explained that just before he was attacked he had examined the man for heart trouble and found a peculiar throb.

He took his stethoscope and examined the prisoner, whereupon he announced that he had found precisely the same murmur. The man was at once committed as the doctor's assailant, the identification being considered complete.

£100,000 Hidden Wealth.

Novelists have often used the idea of old bonds or bank stock being discovered in a secret hiding-place and bringing wealth to their fortunate possessors.

A similar romantic happening is engaging the attention of the New York Supreme Court. According to the evidence, stock in two leading New York banks, issued a hundred years ago, was found in an old desk stored in a country house in Long Island.

An eminent genealogist who examined the papers discovered that the rightful owner was Alfred Watkyns Seymour, a resident of Seattle, Washington State, whose great-grandfather had obtained the stock in 1822. He is now suing for payment.

The face value of the stock is about £100,000, but recovery is doubtful. The banks have undergone many changes in the course of a century, and therefore refuse to admit any obligation. Their defence is laches (neglect) and the statutes of limitations, which will probably bar a decision in the plaintiff's favour.

Indians' Trade Movement.

An ingenious promoter, some time ago, secured large sums of money from negroes by announcing the proposed formation of the Black Star Line, the object of which, he declared, was to transport millions of African-Americans to the African Continent with the idea of establishing a black Republic.

Much stock was sold, but thus far no Black Star liners have been observed in any American port.

A similar movement is now on foot among the American Indians, who are being asked to subscribe £400,000 for the establishment of an American-Indian Line, which is to build up a profitable trade with the West Indies—that region being apparently supposed to have some remote connection with the red men.

The stock, which is to be controlled entirely by Indians, will find its principal backers among the Osage, Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Caw, and Seminole nations.

Pig's Eye for Blind Boy.

A remarkable ocular operation is about to be performed by Dr. Edward Morgan, a New York eye specialist, who asserts that he can restore the sight of an eighteen-year-old boy by grafting a pig's eye in the patient's head.

The lad's sight was destroyed about nine years ago as the result of a fireworks explosion, but the physician says that the optic nerves were not destroyed, and that with a pig's eye he will be able to see for the rest of his life.

Dr. Morgan declares that he made a similar operation in the case of a woman, who saw for three years, when the pig's eye went blind. This will not happen, he says, in the present instance.

Unintelligent Road Hogs.

The city of Detroit, which has taken the lead in fighting the reckless motor-driving nuisance, has adopted the plan of having each offender examined by Dr. Jacoby, the official psychiatrist, the supposition being that reckless drivers must be mentally defective.

After a recent examination, the physician declared that three men arrested were inferior in intelligence, while fourteen others were mentally sound. Of the latter, however, one was found unable to read the "Stop" and "Go on" signals, while another was deaf.

Five motor licences were, therefore, cancelled, while in the case of the other offenders the usual penalties were imposed. This instance has served to call attention to the slipshod manner in which licences are issued in New York, which now constitutes a serious danger.

Made Fat by Accident.

A case of unusual interest has just been decided by the Federal Court in Kansas, where a woman who sued a railway company for injuries received in a collision had suffered as a result from serious trouble with the ductless glands. Her weight, it was stated, had increased in two years from 160lb. to a burdensome 375lb. She demanded £10,000 damages, but the jury awarded her £200.

As the newspapers point out, many lean and hungry persons would envy this victim's experience, as one's pituitary gland may keep one too slender to enjoy the winter's blast.

The envious, it is intimated, may even say that the debt should lie the other way, and the railway company that could bring about such a desirable change should be liberally rewarded.

WOMEN WITH MONEY.

THE WAY THEY LOOK AFTER IT.

BANKING ACCOUNTS.

FIFTY PER CENT. MORE SINCE THE WAR.

A material illustration of the forward movement of women towards equality with the sterner sex is provided in the annual report, just published, of the Bankers' Clearing House.

Women, it is reported, are using banking facilities in rapidly increasing numbers.

Nor can the time-honoured accusation be levelled against them of lack of method in conducting their accounts.

A member of a West End branch of one of the most important banking houses talked on the subject to a "Pall Mall Gazette" representative to-day.

Admirable Method.

"The number of women with banking accounts has increased since the war by approximately 50 per cent.," he said.

"This, no doubt, is largely due to the fact that an enormous number of women are taking up business careers nowadays; but it must not be imagined that all the women who make use of banking facilities come under this category.

"Women who have no interests apart from social and domestic activities are beginning to realise the value of banks, and they conduct their accounts with admirable method.

"We very rarely encounter cases of women overdrawing their accounts.

As Capable as Men.

"The story of the woman who, when told by her bank manager that she had no more money to her credit, said she could not understand it, as she had a lot of cheques left in her book, is quite out of date now," he added.

"I can say quite confidently that our women clients do their banking business just as capably as men.

"In fact, I wish that some of our younger male clients would give us as little trouble."

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FALL FROM EXPRESS.

INJURED MAN PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

Having fallen from a train travelling at almost fifty miles an hour towards Southend, Mr. Percy Kendell, of Leigh-road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, was able to get up and walk away. He was eventually taken to Poplar Hospital, where it was reported this morning that he was progressing favourably. His only injury, so far as can be ascertained, is a slight scalp wound. It was added, however, that he would probably be detained for three or four days.

THE PORTMAN ROOMS.

The famous Portman Rooms, in Baker-street, will shortly be available for private dances.

A new teak floor is being laid, and other necessary improvements being carried out, which will be completed within the next few weeks.

Druce and Company (Ltd.), who are now the proprietors, will have the satisfaction of fulfilling the wants of numerous clubs seeking accommodation for their social gatherings.

SEASIDE MYSTERY.

The body of a woman, aged about sixty, of stout build, fully dressed, was found by a Ramsgate shrimper in the early hours of this morning on the rocks off the western foreshore.

Deceased is at present unidentified.

The body had apparently been in the water six to eight hours.

NATION'S SAVINGS.

The National Savings Committee announce that sales of National Savings Certificates for the week ended December 23, 1922, were 810,437, making, with adjustments, a grand total sold of 606,960,500.

The German Ambassador has returned to London from Berlin, where he has been in conference on the question of reparations.

TO-DAY'S TONIC TALK.

HEART.

By Dr. FRANK CRANE.

The greatest force in the world is Heart.

What the sun is to the planets, and to all forms of life thereon, Heart is to all spirits.

If we are better than our forefathers, it is because we have more Heart. The only progress worth while is progress in Heart. Humanity advances only as it becomes more humane.

Thirteenth-century charity gave alms to beggars; twentieth-century charity studies to change the conditions that make beggars. Hearts are wiser.

Dr. FRANK CRANE.

Thirteenth-century religion strove to pluck a few souls from a lost world, as "brands from the burning"; twentieth-century religion would put out the fire. Hearts are bolder.

Some labour people think the working man's rise is due to the power of organisation—the fear it gives and the violence it can use. But every improvement in labour has been caused by the widening of the world's Heart.

Slavery was abolished, not by arms, but by the pity of it. So it is gone forever. For what is put down by bayonets can be set up again by bayonets; but what Heart conquers is defeated forever.

War must cease. All the battleships shall rust; all the forts shall crumble, and all the guns of death shall be silenced by the militant Heart of the human race.

The pulse-beats of the world's Heart grow ever stronger. They sound to the ears of them that can hear like the ticking clocks of doom. They shall destroy all ancient frauds. They shall beat down all injustice.

Class shall be abolished and its victims released from their hideous cells by Heart.

The appalling lie that criminals can be cured by cruelty shall be abandoned; we shall cure and heal wrong souls as our Heart deepens and understands.

Heart shall permeate government, sending pure blood through the arteries of democracy.

Heart shall change business from being a war, and shall make it the joyous team-play of the whole people.

Heart shall purge religion of its partisanship, of its contentions.

It is the Heart that founds the family, guards little children, liberates women, unites men in welfare, enriches life, and plants upon death the evergreen of hope.

The eternal prayer of the world is for largeness of Heart.

DR. CRANE'S NEXT "TALK" WILL APPEAR TO-MORROW.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The south-westerly to westerly winds over the British Isles will moderate, the weather being mainly fine and bright, with occasional showers in the west and north, subsequently becoming cloudy to rainy again generally, with a rising temperature.

Lost Ballot Papers.

Three missing ballot papers at the selection of acting clerk to Clitheroe Guardians were found in the lining of a member's hat.

Circus King Dead.

Known as the King of the Circus World and one of the oldest circus proprietors, Mr. Robert Fossett has died at the age of 73.

The Piper and His Pay.

After ordering a drop of whisky in a Bletchley hotel, a street musician changed his day's takings, 50s. in coppers, into Treasury notes.

Destruction of a Temple.

The fire which destroyed the Goethan Temple at Dornach is said to be the work of anti-Theosophists. The edifice cost seven million francs to erect.

Only the Fit Need Apply.

Stoke-on-Trent Corporation is asking for power to impose tests of physical fitness on persons seeking motor-car driving licencee.

Business By Candle Light.

Owing to the temporary failure of the electric light business was carried on in several shops at Kingston last night by candle light.

Critic of Watchnight Services

The Vicar of Windsor does not believe in watchnight services, and in his parish magazine recommends people to go to bed early and get up refreshed for service on New Year's morning.

Italy at Work.

According to official statistics (says Reuter) the number of unemployed in Italy as the result of strikes or lockouts fell from 6,232 on September 30 to 505 on October 30 and 179 on November 30.

Gunner's Gallant Rescue.

Without waiting to take off his heavy uniform greatcoat, a gunner of the Royal Marine Artillery dived into the sea at Southesa yesterday and rescued a young woman who had pumped from the pier.

Omen of Severe Winter.

Large flocks of wildfowl have arrived in the Fens and settled on the flood waters, which extend for miles between Spalding and Crowland. The arrival of these birds is said to be an omen of severe weather.

Rosemary War Memorial.

On both sides of Folkestone Slope-road, leading from the Leas to the harbour, down which millions of men marched from the rest camps on their way to France during the war, rosemary is to be planted as a token of remembrance.

Destroyers' Future.

Orders have been issued for two of the destroyers serving on the Nore Destroyer Reserve at Sheerness to be transferred to the Portsmouth Destroyer Reserve. They are to become tenders to the Dido, and their present crews will be relieved by Portsmouth crews.

Why be Grey? Hindes Hair Tint is the safest remedy· needs only to be combed through. It is washable, permanent. Highest medical certificate with each bottle. Hindes Hair Tint may be had from chemists and stores, 2s. 6d. the flask, or direct Hindes, Ltd., Finsbury, London, E.C.--[Advt.]

MR. LE QUEUX'S ALPINE ADVENTURE.

FALL INTO DEEP DRIFT WHILE SKI-ING.

MUERREN, Wednesday.

Mr. William le Queux, the novelist, has had a narrow escape in the Alps.

He was ski-ing over the snow above the Allmendhubel, in the Bernese Oberland, where he fell into a deep drift in such a position that he was helpless to rise or extricate his boots from his ski.

After a long time, with darkness approaching and snow falling heavily, an Alpine guide heard his signals of distress—six shouts at intervals—and rescued him.—Central News.

HER SOUVENIR.

REVOLVER, BLUE RIBBON, AND A COURT SUMMONS.

A revolver which hung against the wall with a piece of blue ribbon caused the appearance, before the Plymouth magistrates, of Elizabeth Gaskell, a widow, who who charged with being in possession of it without a permit.

The case was dismissed on payment of the costs.

DR. CRANE AND TENNYSON.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR, — I am afraid "One Who Blesses," etc., has misunderstood Tennyson's poem.

Dr. Crane and Mr. Carter accept what has always been acknowledged as Tennyson's own intention—namely, to ascribe his allusion to Goethe.

It is not a question of textual quotation. It is a question of the tendency of Goethe's work.

The admirable poem of Longfellow quoted by your correspondent touches a totally different view of the problem of one's past. Saint Augustine "ladder" is an exquisite expression of the more orthodox conception that evil is always evil and must be trodden underfoot.

Tennyson raised a question which he feared to answer:—

> For fear divine philosophy
> Should step beyond her mark and be
> Procuress to the lord of hell.

Perhaps the real answer is beyond mortal guessing, but at least Tennyson committed himself to agreement with those who believe that—

> Men may rise on stepping-stones
> Of their dead selves to higher things.

Is it not at least conceivable that there is neither good nor evil in the ultimate sense? Perhaps we have only failed to understand evil. Perhaps the perfectly essential discipline of society, without which society itself would disappear, has constantly led men away from what seems so academic a discussion.

What is wanted is not sentimental forgiveness, but discriminating understanding.

G. B. HIGGS.

£10,000 TURF LOTTERIES.

FORTUNES REFUSED FOR DERBY LOSERS.

YEARLING LUCK.

A LEGER WINNER FOR 180 GUINEAS.

In view of the recent law case over a racehorse costing £10,000 which never won a race, the following article, illustrating the lottery of horse-racing from a new phase, is of particular interest.

As much as £10,000 has been refused for Derby losers, while frequently horses bought at a low price have won classic events.

Horse-breeding, whether on so-called scientific lines, from fashionable sires or out of race mares of the highest class, remains more or less of a lottery. Even the disciples of Mendel, as far as can be gathered, are no more certain to breed big winners than are the followers of Bruce Lowe by aid of the Figure System.

Some of the best racehorses of the last 150 years have sprung from the most unlikely sources. When one goes further and tries one's luck in buying young racehorses in their yearling stage, however good-looking and well-bred they may be, success on the racecourse is by no means assured, no matter how long the purchaser's purse.

Blue Ensign's Price.

If "money makes the yearling to go," surely Blue Ensign should have retrieved some portion of the record sum of 14,500gns. given for that colt in his yearling days, while his elder half-brother, likewise bought by Lord Glanely for 11,500gns. won only a small sum on the racecourse.

Of all the long row of really expensive yearlings that turned out disappointingly in the past, Maximilian did little in the way of recouping his buyer for his 4,000gns. investment apart from winning a Liverpool Cup. Since that now far-off year 4,000gns. yearlings have been almost as common as blackberries; but, apart from the peerless trio of fillies, Sceptre (10,000gns.), La Fleche (5,500gns.), and Memoir (1,500gns.)—who was an elder own sister to La Fleche—and the 6,000gns. yearling colt Childwick, who won a Cesarewitch for the late Sir J. Blundell Maple, the great majority of the big-figure yearlings have done little enough.

Derby Winner for 300gns.

On the other hand, we find such Derby winners as Flying Dutchman (1,000gns.), Thormanby (350gns.), Musjid (400gns.), Kettledrum (400gns.), Voltigeur (300gns.), and Spearmint (300gns.), while the Leger winner Stockwell cost only 180gns. All these were wonderfully cheap.

Turning to another aspect of blood stock prices, the owners of two horses within my own recollection each refused an offer of £10,000 for a three-year-old with an engagement in the Derby. Both colts were beaten in the big race. The first of them was given to his fair owner in his early days, and when the colt, who was named The Baron, and ran in the assumed name of Mr. Fern, was a warm favourite for the chief Epsom classic, his owner's husband, the late Mr. Tom Vigors, went to their trainer, Mat Dawson, and asked whether they should accept £10,000 for him.

Dark Horse Intervenes.

"Which would you sooner do?" was Mat's reply, "have £10,000, or win the Derby?" Vigors elected to win the Derby, and the offer was declined. Dawson had sized up the situation well enough, for The Baron defeated all the other public form horses. Unfortunately, however, there was a "dark" three-year-old in the race in Merry Hampton, and the newcomer, who belonged to the late Mr. "Abington" Baird, won the race, with The Baron second.

The other instance in which an offer of £10,000 was refused was in the spring of 1909, when Mr. A. H. Ledlie declined to sell his colt Electric Boy, prior to Epsom.

After rounding Tattenham Corner Electric Boy looked like winning, but unsuspected lung trouble caused him to falter at the "Bell," and he subsided into sixth place behind King Edward's Minoru (leased from Colonel Hall Walker), Louviers, William the Fourth, Valens, and Bayardo.

Sold for £65.

Electric Boy, who had previously won a good race and finished second for another when giving weight away, afterwards developed a bad stable habit. Later his owner sold him for the trifle of £65 to go to Germany, where he became the ex-Emperor William's charger, or, rather, one of his chargers.

CHEAPER CROCKERY.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND ITS MEANING.

Your cups and your saucers and your teapots, too, will cost you less in the near future, if they are "Association" made.

The Pottery Manufacturers' Association have announced a reduction of 7½ per cent. on the cheaper grades of china and earthenware. Other classes are also correspondingly reduced.

"But," said a prominent distributor to the "Pall Mall" to-day, "this reduction applies only to the goods made by the Association. China made by manufacturers who are outside is already 7½ per cent. cheaper.

The Stocks in Hand.

"The Association has simply brought its prices down to the level of these other manufacturers.

"Besides, we can't sell more cheaply the goods we have in stock. We have to wait for the new lines to be delivered before we can knock pence off to the public."

And that's that!

BELGIAN PREMIERSHIP.

PENDING RESIGNATION OF M. THEUNIS.

BRUSSELS, Wednesday.

The "Etoile Belge" says this morning that there is considerable reason for stating that M. Theunis will resign after the Paris Conference.

This decision is based on the fact that M. Theunis accepted the task of forming a Ministry of restoration and reparation, but Parliament's increasing interest in the political debates prevents the Premier from carrying out his object.

M. Theunis is of the opinion that the road is barred to the accomplishment of his mission, and that he must resign the Premiership in favour of a politician.

M. Theunis does not intend to allow himself to be in the same constrained and forced position during the debate in the Senate on the Flemish University as he was faced with before the Chamber.—Exchange.

DEAD BROTHER'S PHOTO.

ANNOYED RELATIVE STEALS IT FROM SHOP WINDOW.

A curious family quarrel was disclosed at Marlborough-street to-day, when Thomas O'Loughlin, forty-three, an old metal dealer, of Liverpool-road, N., was charged with being on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose, and stealing a framed photo.

The photo was that of his dead brother, and it was stated that accused, seeing it in the window of his sister-in-law, Eliza O'Loughlin, a marine-store dealer, of St. Anne's-court, Soho, became annoyed, and, entering the premises, took the photo.

A fine of £3, with £1 costs, was imposed, and the accused was also bound over.

HUNT FOR FEVER PATIENT.

WHEREABOUTS OF ESCAPED MAN STILL UNKNOWN.

The whereabouts of George Newton, of Battersea, the scarlet fever patient who, while waiting to be removed to the South-Western Fever Hospital, Clapham, yesterday, made his escape, have not yet been ascertained, although careful search has been made.

Scotland Yard request that any person who can furnish information concerning Newton should communicate with the nearest police-station.

CHAIRS IN THE HOUSE.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—Your "Gentleman with the Knuckle-duster," in his latest very interesting article, headed "The Mirrors of Westminster," has called attention to the faulty memory displayed by Mr. Lloyd George, inasmuch as the latter imagined that when Mr. Gladstone moved the second reading of his last Home Rule Bill in 1893, this was the first occasion when rows of chairs were arrayed on the floor of the House of Commons.

But not only Mr. Lloyd George, but also the "Knuckle-duster Gentleman," appear to be unaware that the actual first occasion when rows of chairs were placed on the floor of the House was on April 8, 1886, when Mr. Gladstone introduced his first Home Rule Bill in a memorable three-and-a-half hours' magnificent speech, never to be forgotten.

ALGERNON ASHTON.

22a, Carlton-vale, Maida Vale, N.W. 6.

The National Art-Collections Fund has purchased and presented to the Victoria and Albert Museum a complete set of alabaster figures in relief of the Twelve Apostles, English work of the fifteenth century. Each Apostle is holding his emblem and the appropriate sentence of the Creed.

ACCOUNTS TWICE PAID.

FRAUD BY STATE OFFICIAL ALLEGED.

THOUSANDS HE SAVED

"LOOKED UPON AS ONE OF THE BEST MEN."

At Westminster police-court, before Mr. Chapman, to-day, George Middleton Hanscombe, an official of the Ministry of Shipping, of Madrid-road, Barnes, S.W., and Godfrey B. Seagrave, of Piccadilly, a merchant, were charged with being concerned together in selling and receiving two payable orders to the value of £273 and £303.

At the last hearing it was alleged by the prosecution that Hanscombe obtained from the registry of the Ministry of Shipping a number of bills for various expenses incurred in connection with shipping during the war, and, although they had already been paid, enclosed them in a new cover or jacket, and passed them for payment a second time.

"Hamilton Brothers."

After being passed by other officials, orders for the money were sent to Hamilton Brothers, of Cannon-street, and the prosecution alleged that the firm consisted of Seagrave, who occupied a desk in a room let out to eight business men. It was stated that between £9,000 and £10,000 was involved.

William Crouch, an official of the Finance Division of the Shipping Liquidation Department of the Board of Trade, produced a "jacket" containing two claims by Hamilton Brothers in respect of the steamships Abisko and Kalix.

The sum of £98 8s. 7d. claimed by Hamilton Brothers, for the Abisko in December, 1921, had already been paid to Ellerman's Wilson Line, Ltd., in April, 1919, but the vouchers had been extracted from the file.

Missing Vouchers.

The sum of £246 12s. 1d. claimed in respect of the Kalix had also been passed by Handscomb, although that sum had similarly been paid to Ellerman's Wilson Line, Ltd. The vouchers again were missing from the jacket in the registry.

Witness also produced a jacket containing claims in January, 1922, by Hamilton Brothers in respect of the steamships Svarton for £211 8s. 2d. Kalix for £253 0s. 6d., and the Polcirkeln for £75 2s. 5d. The items on which these three claims were based had also been paid to Ellerman's Wilson Line, although the vouchers were missing from the registry.

The files from which the vouchers were missing had been in Handscomb's section in January, 1922, and he had passed Hamilton Brothers' claims as not having been paid before.

Salary £325.

Replying to further questions by Mr. Batt, witness said Handscomb's salary was £325. He was Handscomb's superior, and had approved all these claims.

Mr. Batt: Was it anybody's duty to make inquiries as to Hamilton Brothers?—As head of the section it was Handscomb's duty to satisfy himself that the firm claiming the money was properly entitled to receive it.

Was it anybody else's business?—Nobody at all. He could have asked one of his subordinates to make inquiries. He was responsible.

£10,000 Saved by Defendant.

Do you know a sum of from £10,000 to £12,000 was saved by the Government, on insurances which the Government had been paying and which were properly payable by the owners, which Mr. Handscomb found out?—I have a hazy recollection. It is quite possible. We are always making recoveries.

Witness added that he had always looked on Handscomb as one of their best men, and he had saved the Government many thousands of pounds.

Mr. Chapman: He was absolutely responsible for ascertaining whether a claim was a bogus or an honest claim from an existing firm?

Witness: It was Handscomb's duty as head of the section.

EXHIBITION BURNT OUT.

BIG FIRE IN A CALCUTTA SUBURB.

CALCUTTA, Tuesday.

An exhibition of indigenous products which was being held in the suburb of Bhowanipore was almost entirely destroyed by fire this evening

The damage is estimated at twenty lakhs of rupees.

There were no casualties.

The cause of the fire is unknown.—Reuter.

HERMIT'S DEATH FROM EXPOSURE

Edward Hope, aged sixty-four, a farm labourer, who had lived the life of a hermit in a sheep shelter at Rottingdean, died from exposure.

RAT-CATCHING.

ART AND CUNNING OF A NOVEL TRADE.

Mr. John Jarvis, of Cork-street, Camberwell, who claims to be the world's champion rat-catcher, has a contempt for the amateurish methods of many of his rivals.

He is a rat-catcher both by heredity and high appointment.

His family started in the "profession" four generations ago; he is official rat-catcher and vermin destroyer to the House of Commons and the L.C.C.

Mr. Jarvis prides himself on his ability to take the rats alive, and he sells his captures at about 4s. a dozen for training dogs. He also keeps hospitals supplied with rats free of charge.

His record is thirty-seven dozen in four hours, single-handed, and without dogs or ferrets. These were all taken alive in nets by means of a secret bait, which attracts the rodents by its smell.

His usual method is to employ white ferrets and two dogs. The rat sees the white ferret in the hole and rushes out into a net. If it misses the net it has a brief argument with the dog.

Dainty Creatures.

The occupation is not without excitement.

"Oh, yes, I have often been bitten," said Mr. Jarvis, discussing the thrills of his novel occupation," and as a precautionary measure always carry a disinfectant with me."

Rats are very dainty creatures, Mr. Jarvis assured an interviewer. They eat only the best butter and lard, and will not touch margarine.

Feeble Imitators.

There are rat-catchers and rat-catchers. Mr. Jarvis knows of only four or five worthy the name.

"A man goes about with a couple of dogs and a ferret and calls himself a rat-catcher. Bah!

"And then you get the theorists who think they can make poison that will only kill rats.

"My poison is a real thing, and will kill anything."

Mr. Jarvis thinks he and four or five real catchers, if taken up by the Government and well paid, could eventually rid the country of rats.

'MADE IN GERMANY."

BRITAIN'S IMPORTS GO UP £180,000 IN A MONTH.

Returns of duty free imports into this country from Germany during the month of November show an increase over the preceding month of £90,042, and compared with November, 1921, the increase is £184,597.

The largest increase, £30,660, is noticed under the heading of dyes and dyestuffs, which is accounted for by a very large increase in the value of finished dyestuffs obtained from coal tar, other than alizarine, received.

The value of toys and games continues to increase, the amount for the month under review being £28,309 in excess of the imports for October, mechanical and non-mechanical metal toys and dolls having been received in larger quantities.

Paper and cardboard imports have gone up by £10,883, the increase being noticed in printing papers, news, and unglazed and glazed packing and wrapping papers.

The increase in the iron and steel imports of £10,561 is due to more pig iron, iron and steel billets, and steel plates having been sent over.

Cutlery and hardware show an increase under all headings, the value of the imports being £7,726 more than those for October.

DEPOSIT FRAUD.

£40 DOWN FOR SHOP THAT WAS OCCUPIED.

William Tabor, a fishmonger, of London, was sentenced by the Haywards Heath magistrates to-day to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for obtaining £40 by false pretences from Ernest Wheatley, of Brighton.

It was stated that Wheatley paid accused £40 as deposit in respect of the purchase of Tabor's fishmonger's business at Haywards Heath, but on visiting the premises found another purchaser in possession.

Defendant said the £40 was stolen just after he received it.

DRUNKENNESS IN FINLAND.

Official returns show that during last year 12,000 persons were proceeded against in Finland for drunkenness and infringements of the Prohibition Law, says the Central News.

With regard to the report of the death of Miss "Beaumont," the interesting old lady who sold the "Pall Mall Gazette" daily in Oxford-street, it is pointed out that by special permission her stand was outside Millson's (Ltd.), 303, Oxford-street.

NEAR EAST WAR SCARE.

ALARMIST REPORT FROM ATHENS.

TURKS MASSING.

THREAT TO THE DARDANELLES.

ATHENS, Tuesday.

All the information here tends to show that the Turks are carefully preparing an attack against the British forces at Constantinople and the Straits.

According to news from a reliable source, the Kemalist army encamped at Baloukesser is directed against the Dardanelles.

In spite of the Mudania agreement, the Kemalists are sending regularly officers, soldiers, and war material to Eastern Thrace, and are recruiting amongst the Turkish element.

The present Turkish forces in Thrace, estimated at 10,000, will, it is asserted, march eventually on Constantinople.—Exchange.

[Although it was admitted that there have been several reports as to the movement of Turkish troops, no confirmation or denial of the above report was forthcoming to-day from the Foreign Office.]

TROOPS TO STAY.

MALTA, Wednesday.

The rumour that the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment is returning here from Constantinople is absolutely without foundation.

The 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment were earmarked for service here, but it is now stated that they are destined for Gibraltar.

It is absolutely certain that four—possibly five—regiments will be stationed here, but no movements of troops are to be expected until after the settlement of the Near East question.—Reuter.

SAVED FROM THE RIVER.

MIDNIGHT SCENE AT WESTMINSTER.

A well-dressed, good-looking young Irishwoman, Kathleen O'Connor, twenty-nine, of no fixed home, was at Bow-street police-court remanded on the charge of attempting to commit suicide.

A police-constable stated that at midnight he saw the defendant leave a man outside the Houses of Parliament, and, in consequence of something that was said to him, he followed her. She walked down the Embankment stairs by Westminster Pier, and, after removing her hat and coat, climbed on to the parapet.

He ran towards her and caught her by the legs just as she was tumbling into the river. She looked very wild and excited, and on the way to the station remarked, "I will do it yet. I have done it before, and will do it again."

Telegrams Found.

Some telegrams were found upon her, but no information could be obtained from the sender. She had stated that in 1916 she tried to commit suicide by throwing herself into a river in Ireland, and on that occasion was rescued by a man who had been in her company.

The defendant now said that she was sorry for what occurred.

After looking at the telegrams found on the defendant the magistrate ordered a remand for inquiries.

N.U.R. LOAN TO GERMANS.

German railwaymen have been granted a £2,000 loan by the N.U.R., to help to tide them over the difficult times due to the depreciation of the mark.

THE SICK LIST.

Lord Kinnaird.—No change.

Sir Arthur Lever, M.P.—Had a good night and better to-day.

Captain Arthur Evans, M.P.—Continues to make good progress.

Mr. Albert Chevalier.—A little better.

On behalf of the American Order of the World War, a non-political body of ex-Service men in the United States, Major Harries, Commander-in-Chief of the Order, who is at present staying in London, placed a wreath on the Cenotaph to-day.

AUCTIONS.

Five Days' Sale.—Jewellery, Watches, Plate, Wearing Apparel, and Miscellaneous Effects.

DEBENHAM, STORR, and SONS (Ltd.) will SELL by AUCTION, at their Rooms, King-street, Covent Garden, on MONDAY, Jan. 6, and following days, at Twelve, FORFEITED PROPERTY, comprising Jewellery, Watches, Plate, Wearing Apparel, and Miscellaneous Effects, pledged or upon which loans have been effected by special contract under the Act of Parliament, in months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December, in the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and in years prior to 1919, with the following pawnbroker, viz., Mr. Reynolds, Bath, and goods deposited with him as security for loans the periods of which have expired, and other effects. Catalogues gratis.

WOMEN OF TO-DAY

SWEETS FOR THE KIDDIES.

When you watch your small sons and daughters blissfully overeating themselves at Christmas, it is a crumb of comfort to know they are doing so on home-made sweets which are not too rich. Here are two recipes for sweets which all kiddies will enjoy.

Walnut Candy.

Take three cups of brown sugar, one cup of milk, a lump of butter the size of a walnut, one cup of broken walnuts, one teaspoonful of vanilla essence, and a pinch of salt. Boil the sugar, milk, and butter until it is quite firm when dropped in cold water. Remove from the fire and stir well. When nearly cold add the vanilla and walnuts. Beat until creamy, then pour into buttered pans to cool.

Parisian Sweets.

Required: 1lb. of figs, the same quantity of dates and shelled walnuts, icing sugar. Remove the stems from the figs. Wash, dry, and stone the dates (use the soft cooking ones rather than table dates). Mix these together with the walnuts and put through a fine mincer. Mix well again. Have a baking board dredged with icing sugar. On this lay the fruit and knead into a cake. Roll out about half an inch thick and cut into squares like caramels. Toss in icing sugar till well coated, and store in tins with parchment paper between the layers.

DO WOMEN PROPOSE?

With all the questions arising to-day as the outcome of sex equality, perhaps this is one of the most unnecessary—for we all know that women do propose! If they don't actually ask the fateful question, they, at any rate, give the man the opportunity to do so.

I'm sure our grandmothers were terrible hypocrites when they used to exclaim, "Oh, this is so sudden." It wasn't sudden at all—they knew quite well it was going to happen! It's nonsense to imagine a woman doesn't know when a man wants to marry her, and she invariably helps him with a gentle hint when she is not indifferent to him.

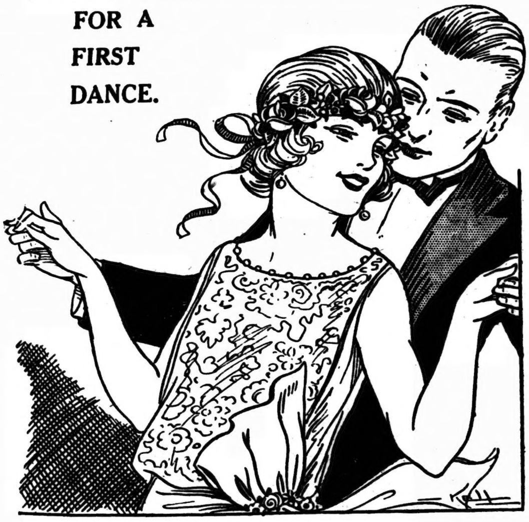
Very often there isn't a formal proposal at all—the engagement just happens. Anyway, the proposal is usually six of the maid and half a dozen of the man.

Also it's always easy for a girl to find out if a man wants to marry her if she is uncertain upon the point. Perhaps they are both rowing, and the fair maid will remark, "How well we pull together!"—golden opportunity then for the man to answer, "Why not let us try and pull together always?" Or, if he's not in love he can merely agree. And they both know where they are. So it isn't always true that "Man proposes and woman disposes."

WHAT 'TWAS.

'Twas not for your fairly-like figure,
  Nor yet for your angel-like face;
'Twas not for your title of heiress,
  Nor yet for your exquisite grace.
For none of these things I adored you,
  Though all of unsurpassed type,
But 'twas for the hairpin you gave me,
  When parting, to clean out my pipe.

FOR A FIRST DANCE.



In January a young girl's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—parties This little maiden seams to be the spirit of enjoyment personified. Her frock is virgin white, which all first dance frocks should be, but, alas! rarely are in these days; so she has chosen a gay note of colour for her pretty headdress.

Made of kid roses in varying shades of flame, each flower has petals lined with orange, and orange berries mingle with the flame-coloured rose leaves, while gold tissue ribbon ties the whole securely to her bobbed curls.

Kid flowers are very popular for headdresses at the moment, and Emiie, of 29, Conduit-street, has some really beautiful wreaths made of them—and that is where our artist sketched this delightful one.

HOW WE CATCH COLD.

Prevention is better than cure. This little article, by Dr. C. W. Saleeby, explaining how you catch cold, will help you to avoid doing so.

After spending a couple of hours in a close room, a crowded theatre, or concert room, a man emerges into the cold, pure air of the night. He keenly feels the difference in temperature, and when he wakes up with a bad cold or a stiff neck or a sore throat shortly afterwards he blames that "confoundedly cold wind," or that "beastly draught" whilst waiting for the train. That, he thinks, is how he caught cold.

Now, in point of fact, catching cold is really catching a microbe—or being caught by it. Yet the current theory can only be reconciled with this undoubted fact, on the assumption that the microbe was caught in the open air, and that the unfortunate nose or throat was prepared for it by exposure to the cold. This, however, does not express the facts at all. It is safe to say that in 99 per cent. of cases the infection was caught before even the theatre or other hot and stuffy place was left.

Crowded Places.

In every crowded assembly there are persons suffering or recovering from colds, and probably one or two have brought a few specimens of the influenza bacillus with them. None of these things can flourish in the open air. The seed is sown in the theatre; but, of course, it cannot multiply unless the soil (e.g., the throat) be prepared. This is done first by the breathing of impure air for some hours, which effectually poisons the blood and devitalises all the tissues which it nourishes; and, secondly, by the sudden exposure of the skin and the respiratory passages—already devitalised—to air many degrees colder (though pure) than that previously encountered. If the indoor air were decently pure and ventilation active enough to keep microbes on the move and weakened by contact with abundance of oxygen, one would not catch cold on going out into the night. The mere difference of temperature will not breed a cold; no one who wraps up properly takes cold after a Turkish bath.

MEN LOVE RED-HAIRED WOMEN.

Men, as a rule, love red-haired women; that is, all except red-haired men, for there is an inexplicable, but none the less certain antipathy between red-haired men and red-haired women. The reason for man's admiration is that red hair is generally accompanied by certain qualities that make a woman very attractive; soft, smooth skin, for instance, though this is likely to be freckled.

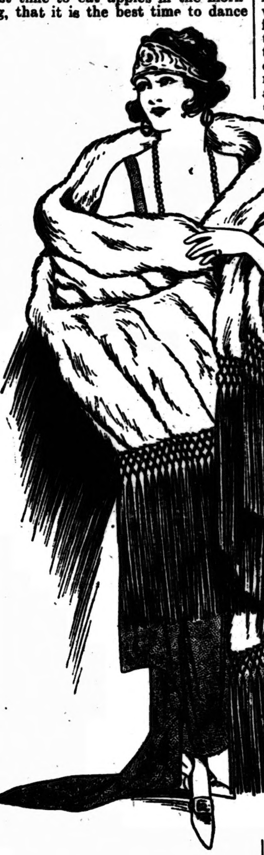
The finest complexions in the world are found on red-haired girls. And these sun-kissed girls have blood that is warmer and flows more swiftly than that in the veins of their less favoured sisters. This often makes them impulsive, hot tempered and jealous, but it always makes them affectionate, and they have a reputation for passionate devotion. A loyal friend but a cruel and relentless enemy is the red-haired woman.

A black-haired woman made these remarks to the writer of these lines:—

"When a red-haired woman has dark blue or violet eyes and dark eyelashes, she is good to have for a friend or a lover and bad to have for an enemy. When she has light blue eyes and pale lashes she is 'catty.' All red-haired women are jealous."

Modes of the Moment

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY FURS.



White coney fur and deep silk fringe makes this most attractive of evening wraps. It comes from Woolland's.

There is a "best time" for everything. We are told that it is the best time to eat apples in the morning, that it is the best time to dance at night, and so on. Following this argument there is a best time for buying and a best time for selling, and now is certainly the best time to buy your furs.

The subject of our sketch to-day, which was drawn by Barré in the showrooms of Messrs. Woolland's, of Knightsbridge, is one of those delightfully becoming soft evening wraps made of white coney, and fringed all round the hem with a thick silken fringe. It is lined throughout with white satin, and cut on ample "shawl" lines, and so reaches well below the knees in front and to the waistline behind. During sale time it is being offered at thirteen and a half guineas, several guineas less than its original price.

Black wolf is quite a becoming pelt for those who like black, and it has the virtue of wearing extremely well. For the price of six and a half guineas there are a number of animal-shaped ties to be obtained, which are of thick, close hair and of a reasonable length.

Children, nowadays, must have fur ties and wraps just like their mothers, and there are several varieties of inexpensive furs which suit young schoolgirls very well. Among these may be mentioned the natural wolf, which is quite a pretty browny shade, and yet has enough grey in it to make it wearable with either brown, grey, or navy blue suits or coats.

Then there is the Japanese fox, which, at two guineas cheaper, is quite a suitable and hard-wearing fur for a girl, and does not need a great amount of attention to keep it in good condition.

It is not, however, every mother or guardian who feels inclined to pay so much for furs for school wear, and in these showrooms there are a number of really pretty little natural fox ties at the quite low price of three guineas each. These, too, are of mixed colourings, browny red and grey hairs intermingling and making a most attractive whole.

It is not necessary to describe in detail all the many other attractive wraps, ties, and stoles to be found in these showrooms, but each and all have been specially reduced for the winter sale, and the quality of all is guaranteed to be excellent.

PARTY FAVOURS.

If you are giving a dance, be it a large one in a hall, or a small "gramophone hop" at home, and things seem to flag, distribute a few toys and favours, and the proceedings will promptly cheer up.

Unless you are a thoroughly unpleasant person, there is always something of the "child" hidden in your heart, a something which wakes up when someone gives you a gaily painted trumpet to blow or a toy drum to beat.

Who can resist chasing gaily coloured balloons or retaliating with interest when someone blows a paper "blower" at you, which hits you smartly on the nose.

Snowballing is a pretty idea. Let each snowball contain a little fluffy chicken and a paper flower buttonhole, and your guests will be delighted.

The snowballs can be obtained at any dance favour caterers, or can be easily made at home of wadding and cardboard. The flowers you can make yourself of coloured crepe paper.

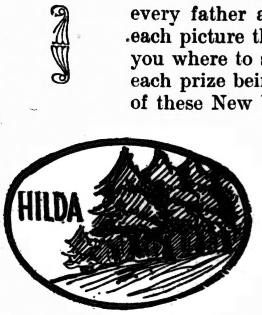
A visit to cheap toy shops will provide all kinds of funny toys—mechanical mice, for instance, will create great amusement.

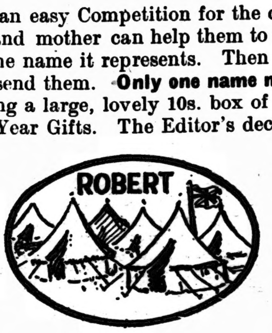
At a recent dance indoor fireworks were placed on all the supper tables, and when the guests lit them the effect of the gaily sparkling fireworks was charming.

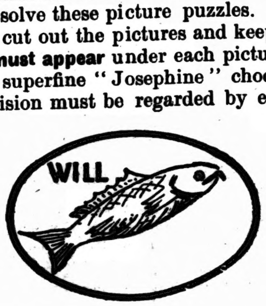
Of course, we know the favours and toys are nonsense—but it is so refreshing to be idiotic sometimes!

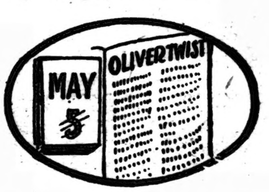
A NEW YEAR'S COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN.—20 PRIZES

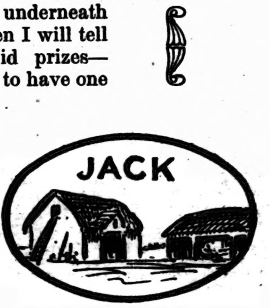
Here is an easy Competition for the children of our readers. Every boy and girl can take part in it, and every father and mother can help them to solve these picture puzzles. You have merely to write underneath each picture the name it represents. Then cut out the pictures and keep them until Friday next, when I will tell you where to send them. **Only one name must appear** under each picture. There will be 20 splendid prizes—each prize being a large, lovely 10s. box of superfine "Josephine" chocolates. Make up your mind to have one of these New Year Gifts. The Editor's decision must be regarded by every competitor as final.











TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LAST DAY OF THE GATWICK MEETING.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

Although the Hookwood 'Chase and Reigate Hurdle are of the same value, the Hurdle Race should provide the better contest at the conclusion of the Gatwick Meeting to-morrow.

White Heat has a big weight to carry, but Mrs. Steven's horse has only to show something approaching his old form to make short work of the opposition.

He has disappointed a few times lately, however, and perhaps it may be best to stand Firing Line, who put up a good performance at Newbury, and is not out of it with a penalty.

Sheepshead has not been out for a long time, but the Newmarket horse has a good chance of winning the Hookwood 'Chase if he can beat Silver Ring. Selections:—

Leatherhead Chase: **SCRABO.**
Caterham Hurdle: **CHARLEY'S UNCLE.**
Hookwood Chase: **SILVER RING.**
Reigate Hurdle: **FIRING LINE.**
Amateur Riders' Chase: **LOCH ALLEN.**
Maiden Hurdle: **JUNK.**

1.0.—LEATHERHEAD (S) 'CHASE of 150 sovs. Two miles.

130 Somerville (Mrs G Bennett) Bennett a 12 5
001 Matcho Paani (Mrs G Bennett) Bennett a 12 5
0 Memento (Mr B Fitch) ......Poole a 12 5
112 Prickly (Sir J Grey) ...Barthropp a 12 5
003 Pacifist (Mr J Moore) ....Moore a 12 5
021 Turbine Secundus (Mrs M Russell) Bailey a 12 5
029 Archbishop (Mrs Stevens) Stevens a 12 5
123 Ned Carver (Mr E Tattersall) Poole a 12 5
001 South Lodge (Capt H de Trafford) W Payne a 12 5
011 Scrabo (Capt R Vivian) ......Gore a 12 5
120 Governor Wood (Mr M Weil) W Nightingall a 12 5
Neurotic (Mr J Hutton) ...Poole a 12 0
003 Red Finch (Mr O Stanley) Killalee a 12 0
000 Big Bertha (Mr J Nightingall) J Nightingall 5 11 7
003 Adalew (Mr W Pearson) ......Ellis 5 11 7

1.30.—CATERHAM (S) HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Two miles.

000 Charley's Uncle (Mr H Broadbent) G Poole a 12 7
033 Con Cregan (Mrs H Hall) ...Dale a 12 5
10 Captain Paddy (Mr N Davis) Private a 12 5
000 Piccolisko (Mr A Iounnou) W Nightingall 6 12 1
031 Ilderton (Mr P Thrale) ......Doyle 6 12 8
0 Nikita (Capt T Brinckman) Butchers a 11 13
003 Foazam (Lt-Col Parkinson) Reardon 5 11 11
020 Simon's Craft (Mr T Edge) G Poole a 11 10
000 Glen Eagle (Mr T Edge) G Poole 6 11 9
003 St Eloi (Mr E Arnold) Jas Dodd a 11 8
100 Care Free (Mr G Allden) G Allden 5 11 8
020 Carson (Mr F Wilmot) ...G Poole a 11 7
020 Divinity (Mr E de Mestre) Wootton 5 11 7
120 Will Swing (Mr L Cribbin) Butchers 5 11 7
200 Green Lane (Mr W Catling) Fitton a 11 6
003 Air Queen (Mrs G Morris) Smyth 5 11 6
220 Lama of Tibet (Mr H Johnstone) H Leader a 11 6
000 D'Ye Ken (Major H Eves) Hammond 6 11 3
003 Dame Archie (Mr A Aston) L Sherwood 6 11 3
003 Rivobed (Mr G Allden) G Allden 6 11 3
013 Lady Charity (Mr M Dollar) Fitzgerald 5 11 2
000 Joli Cœur (Mr C Jackon) Bradford a 11 0
0 Proud King (Mrs M Goode) Hammond 5 11 0
200 Gold Snatcher (Mr H Hedges) Private 5 11 0
00 Leatherhead (Mr M Rhodes) Hulme a 10 13
000 Johnny Syme (Mr M Rhodes) Hulme 6 10 12
000 Happy Moments (Mrs C Stevens) Stevens 5 10 12
030 Sir Malcolm (Mr A Law) ...Law 5 10 12
000 Mantuanus (Mr J Levy) ......Hare 5 10 10
001 Greenwell Mr R Willett) Hammond 4 10 9
001 Poise (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown a 10 8
00 Mont Oriel (Mr H Coates) Hackett 5 10 7
000 Standfast (Mrs M Russell) Bailey 5 10 6
030 House (Mrs Larkin) ....Larkin 4 10 5
300 Colymbus (Mr H Gecring) ...Dale a 10 3
003 Floater (Mr A Goldwater) Stevens a 10 2

2.0.—HOOKWOOD 'CHASE of 20 sovs. Three miles.

013 Spoil Five (Mr F W Ingram) G Bennett a 13 0
131 Hard Nail (Lord Denman) Higham a 12 8
10 Shaun Spadah Sir Malcolm McAlpine) ....G Poole a 12 2
202 Good Points (Mrs G N Bennett) G Bennett a 11 12
'31-White Ronald (Mr S M Dennis) G Poole a 11 12
00 Ardonagh (Duke of Westminster) Whitaker a 11 12
012 Ardeon (Sir Keith Fraser) ...Gore 6 11 12
002 Silver Ring (Lord Woolavington) Gore a 11 12
302 Loch o' Garr (Capt R C G Vivian) Gore a 11 9
000 Ballinode (Mr G J Bentley) McKenna a 10 12
302 Sheepshead (Capt W S Murland) Gooch a 10 12
30 Flushed (Lt-Col R G M Phillips) Pope a 10 12
2 Eden Nook (Mr F W Wilmot) G Poole 6 10 12
002 Mr Shepherd (Mrs Algernon Cox) Gooch 5 10 5

2.30.—The REIGATE HURDLE RACE (handicap) of 200 sovs. Two miles.

200 White Heat (Mrs C Stevens) Stevens a 12 7
300 Zarano (Mr J Coltman) .. Butchers a 12 0
100 The Kiwi II (Sir W Goulding) Gore 5 11 9
130 Golden Melody (Mrs B Fitch) G Poole a 11 8
230 Rattle Snake (Mr P Gilpin) F Hartigan 5 11 7
Double Tip (Mr H Gray) Ireland 5 11 6
200 Dorado (Mr J Hutton) G Poole a 11 6
130 Buffoon (Mr A Willey) ....Pope 5 11 4
000 Ravenspool (Mr T Blenkiron) W Nightingall 5 11 3
230 Nareesh (Mr J Levy) ....Hare 6 11 2
001 Golly Eyes (Mr A Pole) F Hartigan a 11 0
131 Firing Line (Mr J Miss) T Leader 5 11 0
100 Steady Scotch (Mr D Cogan) G Bennett a 10 13
210 Sandart (Mr A Law) ....Law 5 10 11
230 Yahna (Mr T Hartigan) ...Kemp 5 10 10
033 Royal Bucks (Lady Queensberry) G Poole a 10 9
000 Kilcummin (Mr J Ryan) Reardon 6 10 9
002 Wanton (Mr T Morris) ......Larkin 6 10 8
000 Squire Erlegh (Mrs H Leader) H Leader 5 10 7
000 King's Coat (Mr A Tennent) Turner a 10 5
012 Polisson (Mr W Larkin) ...Larkin 5 10 4
000 Craig (Mr C Anson) W Nightingall 5 10 2

3.0. — AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP 'CHASE of 110 sovs. Two miles.

Neurotic (Mr J Hutton) G Poole a 12 7
121 Knockcroghery II (Lord Londesborough) ....H A Brown a 12 6
012 Bergato (Mr W Dixon) S Bennet a 12 6
212 Loch Allen (Capt R Vivian) Gore a 12 5
020 White Cockade (Mr J Wood) Private a 11 13
0 Memento (Mr B Fitch) ...G Poole a 11 11
Helicopter (Capt R Hastings) Hastings a 11 10
132 Tomfoolery (Lt-Col P Stewart) Withington a 11 10
120 Governor Wood (Mr M Weil) W Nightingall a 11 8
0 Ireland (Mr T Hartigan) Kemp a 11 8
301 Ormskirk (Mrs J Hutton) G Poole a 11 2
020 Archbishop (Mrs C Stevens) Stevens a 11 1
000 Lord Gallart (Mr J Groacke) Stevens a 11 1
Ingoe (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown a 11 1
Doubtful Footstous (Mr J Heneage) Private a 10 11
001 Far and Away (7lb ex) (Mr W Knight) ....Doyle a 11 3

3.25.—MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

0 Egyptian Eagle (Mr F Alexander) Braime 4 10 10
0 Zephyr (Mr G Allden) ......Allden 6 11 10
00 Perfect Knight (Mr A Aston) L Sherwood 5 11 6
0 Benula (Mr A Rasse) ....Batho 5 11 6
0 Pooka (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown 5 11 6
Bucksie (Mr D Cogan) G Bennett 5 11 6
0 Polybius (Sir H Cunliffe-Owen) Dale 4 10 10
Lady Hectorine (Mr C Darrell) Bailey 4 10 10
003 Prince Regent (Mr M Davis) Smyth 5 11 6
0 Attaboy (Mr R Davison) Piggott 4 10 10
032 Irish Light (Mr H Dawes) ...Law a 11 10
000 Freezomint (Major E Doyle) Doyle a 11 10
Tinspear (Mr T A Edge) ...Poole a 11 10
000 Lomax (Capt E Elgee) ...Wilkins 4 10 10
01 Chiltington (Mrs M Goode) Hammond 4 11 1
03 Junk (Mr J Hassan) ...H Leader 4 10 10
000 Linia (Capt R Hastings) Hastings 5 11 6
233 Tons of Money (Mr L Henson) Walls 4 10 10
000 Battles (Mr Bannister Howard) Walls 5 11 6
0 Blanche Oliver (Mr L Howes) W Poole 4 10 10
0 Woodford Green (Mr C Larkin) G Bennett 5 11 6
Predial (Mr W Larkin) ...Larkin 4 10 10
0 Bright Prospect (Mr H Lines) Lines 4 10 10
0 Shipwreck (Mr Moss) ....Larkin 5 11 6
Bridal Bed (Mrs E Oram) Bowen 6 11 10
03 Simon's Light (Mr J Orbell) Orbell 4 10 10
000 Silvanus (Lt Col Parkinson) Langlands 4 10 10
Ballyrag (Mr O Rayner) ...East 4 10 10
2 Owen (Mr M Rhodes) ......Hulme 4 10 10
0 Belsize (Mr P Shaw) ...G Bennett 5 11 6
0 Cooldrinagh (Mrs C Stevens) Stevens 5 11 6
0 Emphatic (Mr J Toner) McKenna 4 10 10
Manetho (Mr H Turner) ...Turner 4 10 10
Rookwood (Mrs Weeden) ...Larkin 4 10 10
300 Bourton Duck (Mr F Whitehead) W Nightingall 5 11 6
Sainte Helene (Lord Woolavington) Gore 4 10 10
Jack Patch (Mr S Wootton) Wootton 6 11 10
0 Long Corrie (Mr L Zuitlin) G Bennett 5 11 6

SWISS WEATHER REPORT.

The Swiss weather report received by Reuter's Agency to-day is as follows:—

Place.	Temp. Fahr.	Weather.	Depth of Snow.
Adelboden	18	Very Fine.	Over 40in.
Andermatt	23	Fine, a few clouds.	Over 40in.
Arosa	23	Very fine.	Over 40in.
Les Avants	27	Overcast.	12-16in.
Caux	23	Very fine.	24-30in.
Champery	28	Very fine.	8-12in.
Chateau-d'Oex	19	Very fine.	12-16in.
Davos	5	Fine, a few clouds.	30-40in.
Engelberg	21	Very fine.	30-40in.
Grindelwald	21	Very fine.	30-40in.
Gstaad	10	Very fine.	24-30in.
Klosters	16	Fine, a few clouds.	Over 40in.
Montana-Vermala	27	Very fine.	30-40in.
Morgins	14	Very fine.	Over 40in.
Muerren	23	Fine, a few clouds.	Over 40in.
Pontresina	3	Very fine.	Over 40in.
St. Cergue	27	Very fine.	24-30in.
St. Croix-les-Rasses	27	Fine, a few clouds.	20-24in.
St. Moritz	3	Very fine.	Over 40in.
Villars-Chesieres	19	Fine, a few clouds.	Over 40in.
Wengen	18	Very fine.	24-30in.
Zweisimmen	12	Very fine.	24-30in.

Commander G. H. D'O. Lyon, R.N., the old international and United Services' full back, has been promoted to captain.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Clayton Handicap Steeplechase, Gatwick: Irish Field

Gatwick engagements: Happy Jack, Irish Light, and Sandart.

Walton Handicap Steeplechase, Hurst Park: Happy Jack.

Molesey Four-Year-Old Handicap, Hurst Park: Dark Vixen.

Hurst Park engagements: Sancroft, Broadway.

Novices' Steeplechase, National Hunt Meeting: Come Forth.

All engagements Staidans Tower, Boy William Budds Green colt (dead), Gaud (dead) Potent, Lady Maureen, and Laverstoke.

Birmingham engagements: Jimmu.

Newbury engagements: Hairpin II.

Earn's Glen, Mount Prospect, and Call the Game have joined Barthropp's team.

The Earl of Enniskillen, Major Fetherstonhaugh, Mr. C. F. R. Mainwaring, and Major Potter were the acting Stewards at Manchester yesterday.

The Somerset fifteen to oppose Devon in the Rugby County Championship match at Torquay on Saturday will be selected from: W T Gaisford (St Bart.'s Hospital), R G B Quick (Bristol), E Hammett (Blackheath), H Richardson (Bath), Dr F A Meine (Bath), S H Budd (Bristol), J Jarvis (Bridgwater), H Vowles (Bath), W H Sheppard (Bath), C Mannings (Bath), L W Bisgrove (Bath), L G Richardson (Bath), A Spriggs (Bridgwater), P Lewis (Bridgwater), J Read (Bridgwater), F G Spriggs (Bridgwater).

SEAMAN HALL STILL CHAMPION.

WIN ON POINTS OVER JOHNNIE BROWN.

Seaman Hall retained his title as European lightweight champion last night by outpointing Johnnie Brown, the ex-amateur boxer, in a twenty-round contest at Edinburgh.

Before the fight Brown was installed favourite, but the fight proved disappointing, and though Brown on occasion was doing a deal of the leading, Hall's splendid defence, coupled with many effective attacks, gave him the victory.

Brown led in the first round, making good use of his left to the face, and in the second round he was still on the offensive. On one occasion he achieved a left and right without return, while Hall confined his blows to the body.

Hall led off in the third round with a left to the chin, and in a clinch some time later landed some right jabs. The Seaman slipped in warding off a blow, but was up again immediately.

Hall Steadied.

In the fourth round Hall again led with right upper-cuts, but two swings steadied him up.

Hall opened out in the fifth round, and landed close in to the body with both hands, but Brown fought the Seaman into his corner, and Hall had to take punishment against the ropes.

At the bell for the next round Brown ran into a clinch, and a clever left to the body just missed its mark. In the seventh round Brown's left knocked Hall across the ring. Subsequently Hall's clever defensive work was much appreciated, Brown finding himself unable to score. A right hook in the tenth by Hall caught Brown napping.

In the last round there was much clinching, Hall being content to keep the fight close in and avoid a knock-out blow.

STABLE LADS' BOXING.

Some excellent sport is assured at the Stable Lads' Third Annual Boxing Tournament at the National Sporting Club, under the patronage of the Duke of York, on Monday, in aid of St. Dunstan's.

Fourteen events are down for decision between lads scaling from 4st. to 8st. drawn from twenty training stables. The ten-round contest between A. Orme (B. Jarvis) and F. Johns (Major W. V. Beatty) is creating a considerable amount of interest, they having been matched to box at 5st. 6lb.

Many prominent boxers in the amateur and professional ranks have promised to appear, including H. W. Mallin (Eton Mission B.C.), amateur middle-weight champion.

Proceedings will commence punctually at 8 p.m., and tickets can be obtained at the National Sporting Club.

NEWMARKET GALLOPS.

EXERCISE WORK OF HORSES AT HEADQUARTERS.

(From Our Resident Correspondent.)

ON THE RACE SIDE.

Bennet's Word of Honour and Cryptical covered a mile and three-quarters over fences

T. Leader's Taffytus and Certoza went a mile and three-quarters over fences.

G. Sadler's Cruiser Arc and Young Visiter were sent two miles.

The following went a mile and three-quarters over hurdles:—

Bell's Big Four.
Darling's Prince Herod.
Hamshaw's Maxi.
T Leader's Austin Friars, Greensleeves, and Liscar.
G Sadler's Eastern Holiday.

Darling's April Showers and Hamshaw's Octabella's Pride practised over hurdles.

T Leader's Perry Hill and Epigram went three miles.

Lines's Bright Prospect and Old Tay Bridge covered two miles.

Toon's Maiden's Mirror went two miles.

T. Leader's Streak of Light, Our Ben, Aisle, and Lord Ednam covered a mile and three-quarters.

S. Bennet's Helmet and Lone Wolf went a mile and a quarter.

Beatty's Black Gown and His Excellency covered a mile.

ON THE BURY SIDE.

W. Jarvis's Greek Vine went a mile and a-half.

De Mestre's Fodder, Polyhistor, Lenglen, and Unison covered a mile and a-half.

H. Leader's True Knight, Goldstream, and Perfect Sailor went a mile and a-half.

De Mestre's Argo and Colossus covered seven furlongs.

H. Sadler's Kerasos, Paulinus, Galante c, Varinka, Donna Inez, Guy Fawkes, Kousma, and Simon Pure were sent seven furlongs.

Selections for Gatwick to-morrow:—
Leatherhead Steeplechase: **GOVERNOR WOOD.**
Caterham Hurdle: **ST. ELOI.**
Hookwood Steeplechase: **SHEEPSHEAD.**
Reigate Hurdle: **SQUIRE ERLEGH.**
Amateur Riders' Steeplechase: **KNOCKCROGHERY II.**
Maiden Hurdle: **JUNK.**

Left for Gatwick: Egyptian Eagle and Firing Line.

While at exercise with the rest of G. Poole's horses at Lewes, Mabu dropped dead yesterday.

The ice hockey match at St. Moritz yesterday between the Cambridge team and the St. Moritz Club resulted in a draw, the score being 2 goals all.—Reuter.

A SPORTSMAN'S DIARY.

NEED FOR NEW RUGBY GROUNDS—ANOTHER CORINTHIAN RECORD—LAWN TENNIS REFORM.

Enormous interest is being manifested in the prospects for the first English Rugby international match against Wales on January 20 at Twickenham.

Apart from the fact that it is the only match to be played on the Rugby Union's ground this season, there is the knowledge that in the Principality victory for Wales is anticipated with a quiet confidence which club records go far to sustain, and a great struggle for supremacy is expected.

Rush for Tickets.

The rush for tickets to see the match has been extraordinarily keen, with the result that large numbers of enthusiasts are now anxiously chafing over their inability to obtain them, and opinion tends strongly to support the view recently expressed in the "Pall Mall Gazette" by Major G. H. Harnett that a more commodious ground is urgently needed for international matches.

By the time the Rugby Union has distributed tickets among the clubs, there are not a great many left for outside enthusiasts, and the Union has now scarcely a ticket of any sort to dispose of.

Lawn Tennis Reform.

Meetings of great importance to international lawn tennis have just been held in London, and have resulted in decisions which must have far-reaching effects.

The Davis Cup competition has been remodelled, and much waste of time and money will in future be avoided by the institution of the zone system for the qualifying rounds.

A standard ball for use in all parts of the world was also decided upon, and European countries adopted the American custom of giving a ten minutes' rest interval after the third set in five-set matches—for women after the second set.

A Stumbling Block.

One stumbling block to complete agreement is the matter of the world's grass championships, which are claimed in perpetuity by the Wimbledon authorities. To the outside observer there seems to be little to be said in favour of this attitude.

An ideal arrangement, of course, would be to play the various championships in question in the countries of the champions for the time being, but as that plan might possibly result in some inconvenience, surely it would be possible to play the world's grass championships alternately in, say, Great Britain and the United States.

The Summers Benefit.

The attendance at the National Sporting Club last night for the Johnny Summers Benefit tournament was rather disappointing.

Summers started boxing twenty-three years ago, and he is now in his fortieth year. If his boxing history had been placed in these times he would have earned quite a fortune with his fists, but although he has fought nearly 170 battles in England, America, and Australia, he is not now in the best of circumstances.

Welter Champion.

In 1909 he faced Spike Robson for the feather-weight championship, and three years later was beaten by Freddie Welsh for the light-weight title, but in 1912 he gained the welter-weight championship by defeating Arthur Evernden.

Last night's meeting produced some good sport, Johnny Murton's points victory over Harry Aarons being particularly interesting, but it was unfortunate that the exhibition between Summers and Matt Wells was abandoned. These two contemporaries were matched time after time in the days of their prime, but the bout never took place.

They would have met last night, but on Sunday Summers was injured in a horse and trap accident.

Success of Bliss.

The advent of Bliss to Homerton had an inspiring effect on the Orient players, and, although the old 'Spur did not score, his genius was apparent throughout the game.

Bliss was born at Willenhall some thirty years ago, and his first club of note was the Pickwicks, Willenhall, which he assisted to win the Birmingham League.

He was selected for a junior international match against Scotland, and, strangely enough, the goalkeeper in the same side was no other than Jacques, now of the 'Spurs.

Bliss was secured by the 'Spurs at the end of the 1911-12 season, but his best work has been achieved since the war.

In 1920-21, of course, he was in the Hotspurs' Cup-winning team, and also figured in the international game v. Scotland.

XI. Corinthians.

In both the North and South amateur international trial teams next Saturday the Corinthians will be represented at goal, back, half-back, and forward.

In the North side, Bell, Wilkinson, and Blaxland play in each line of defence, and Davies, Doggart, Creek, and Douthwaite in the attack. In the South XI., Baker, Bower, and Hunter appear in each line of the defence, and Hegan in the front rank.

Never before has one club had players in both teams in an international trial in the three lines of defence and attack, and never before has one club provided eleven of the twenty-two men taking part in a trial match.

"Spiders'" Revival.

The defeat of the Corinthians in their annual encounter with Queen's Park on New Year's Day is further proof of the revival and healthy condition of the famous "Spiders."

Relegation to the Second Division of the Scottish League appears to have put new life into the club, their progress in that competition having been one of the outstanding features of the season in Scotland.

At the moment they head the table with a clear lead of three points, and seem, barring accidents, to be certain to gain promotion to their old sphere.

Dulwich Hamlet's New Centre.

Although the Dulwich Hamlet forwards have scored thirty-eight goals in thirteen Isthmian League matches, the attacking work of the team has not been satisfactory lately, and against Tufnell Park a new centre in Jones was given a trial in place of Davis.

The new Hamlet centre, on a heavy ground, shaped well, and scored a smart equalising goal when the Hamlet looked like a beaten side.

Jones has dash, he dribbles well, and distributes the ball with good judgment. He is not too deadly in his shooting, but as he gains experience he should improve, and will eventually develop into a really clever centre-forward.

Another Waldock.

One of the latest recruits to the Richmond Rugby team is B. Waldock, another of the well-known brotherhood, two of whom, F. A. and H. F., have left their mark on Oxford Rugby.

Though still a schoolboy at Uffingham, B. Waldock made a very promising début at Richmond on Saturday in the responsible position of stand-off half-back.

As yet rather light and lacking in robustness, he is nevertheless a fearless player who can go well down to a tackle. He also has good hands, and, though he naturally has still a great deal to learn in the finer points of the game, there seems no reason why he should not eventually win his spurs on his merits.

Rugby Qualification.

Some discussion has been aroused in Rugby circles by the action of G. G. Aitken and A. C. Wallace, the Oxford Rhodes scholars, who played in the recent Scottish trial match, in resigning from the Blackheath Club, apparently at the request of the Scottish Rugby Union, in order to throw in their lot with the London Scottish.

Since the war, particularly, the question of qualification has not been given the attention it ought to receive, either from the authorities or from the players, and it is felt that this is a step in the right direction.

But what applies to one should apply to another, and what many people would like to see would be a closer scrutiny of the situation all round, though, of course, it bristles with difficulties.

The players themselves are not always to blame, but it would probably be better if many of them would only realise that there are other points of view in the Rugby game besides the gaining of international caps.

141 pts. in a Match.

From time to time sporting records go by the board, and the latest (probably) is a Rugger record

On Sunday, in France, in a match between Perpignan and a rival fifteen from Carcassone, the former had scored 141 points at the end of the eighty minutes' play—19 goals, a dropped goal, and fourteen tries!

Can any match played in Great Britain between good class clubs beat it?

Unconventional Centre-forwards.

All sorts and conditions of players are being drafted by clubs into the centre-forward position.

The Arsenal have discovered a terror to goalkeepers in Turnbull, who is by nature and habit a full-back. Aston Villa, after a succession of experiments, seem to have found the ideal man in York, who has previously done all his football on the touch line.

The modern professional defence is so scientifically efficient that the conventional centre forward has little chance.

A man of resource, with bold ideas, is wanted for the part, and it seems these are found among those who have not become dulled by custom. What they don't know about centre-forward play seems to be a help. They do unexpected things.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

YIELDS ON THE NEW RAILWAY STOCKS.

BELGIAN FINANCE.

The Belgian Government, pursuing its declared policy of deflation, has just repaid to the Banque Nationale de Belgique the sum of 100 million francs. This is part of the loan made by the bank to enable the Government to withdraw from circulation the German marks left in the country.

This repayment, as well as the 300 million francs previously repaid, will shortly be legalised by Parliament. Securities to the value of thirty million francs, forming a sinking fund for the same purpose, have also been placed in the bank. These last funds are the product of the sequestration of German property in Belgium.

THE NEW RAILWAYS.

It will take several days before the Home railway market settles down and accustoms itself to the new order of things. Some of the quotations for the new stocks seem rather tentative, and it is likely that values will be adjusted in accordance with prospective yields. The market considers that many of the lower-priced stocks look cheap, although values are not relatively less than those obtaining for the old stocks last week.

Among the new securities the "prior" junior stocks—a description here used to distinguish those ranking for dividend ahead of ordinary stock—ought to attract considerable attention on account of their good yields. For example, London and North Eastern 5 per cent. Preferred around 77 returns 6½ per cent., which is much more than can be obtained on the 4 per cent. Second Preferred.

Again the Southern 5 per cent. Preferred at 78 returns about £6 8s. per cent. This stock covers the identity of Dover "B" and Brighton "B" among other stocks. It also looks cheap, although higher priced than North Eastern 5 per cent. Preferred.

The above, it should be noted, are Preferred Ordinary stocks, with dividends contingent upon the year's earnings.

Prior charge stocks, such as debentures, guaranteed stocks, and preference shares are all valued on a gilt-edged basis. The preference stocks accordingly yield less than 5¼ per cent.

EIGHT PER CENT. JUNIOR STOCKS.

Turning to the junior division, comprising ordinary and deferred stocks, North-Eastern Deferred, or "new Berwicks" as the stock is colloquially called, is likely to become a most popular market counter both in London and the provincial Exchanges. Assuming it to be on a 2½ per cent. dividend basis, the present price gives a prospective yield of over 8 per cent. Southern deferred around 36 also gives a potential return of over 8 per cent.

There are more speculative counters still, which may be likened to "Little Chathams" and Dover "A" of the old days. These are Southern ordinary "A" and "B" stocks, which carry limited dividend rights. When the market can see further ahead and gauge dividend prospects better, these may become active gambling counters.

HUDSON'S BAY LAND SALES.

During the December quarter of 1922 the Hudson's Bay Company's sales of land picked up a little, the total receipts being £170,600, as against £138,420 for the corresponding quarter of 1921. The figures for the nine months of the year do not, however, show so well owing to the smaller acreage of farm lands disposed of, 20,700 acres in all bringing in £62,000.

For the period to the end of 1922 the comparative figures are:—

	1922		1921
Farm lands ...	£62,000	...	£99,570
Town lots	£10,400	...	£15,980
Total	£311,800	...	£384,970

These results are far below those of 1920-21, when farm lands alone to the value of £624,117 were sold.

BREWERS AND BEER DUTY.

While Huggins and Co. have secured a net profit of £35,000, the chairman remarked at to-day's meeting that a sum well in excess of £250,000 had been paid to the Government by way of beer duty and taxation. There was no question, he went on to say, that the present level of the beer duty was unjustified. The beer-drinker had first claim to any remission of taxation brought about by the forthcoming Budget.

It had been said that the brewers had been keeping up the price of beer. This was not so. If the price of the company's beers was reduced so as to allow a reduction of 1d. per pint in the retail price, the profit earned by the company would be turned into a substantial loss, even allowing for increased production.

Wath Main Colliery.—Interim dividend of 1s. 6d. per share, tax free.

Associated Newspapers. — Quarterly Deferred dividend of 2s. per share, including new capital.

Rio de Janeiro Flour Mills.—Final dividend of 1s. 9d. and bonus of 1s. per share, both tax free.

STOCK EXCHANGE

AFFECTED BY EVENTS AT PARIS.

NOT SO FIRM.

Disappointment is expressed to-day in the City at the refusal of France to consider Mr. Bonar Law's Reparations proposals. The Stock Exchange, which had been banking upon decisions favourable to the Entente, has adopted a cautious attitude, the course of events not being to its liking. The general tone has become dull, but no special selling has been in evidence. On the other hand, speculators are turning their attention to stocks less susceptible to European political influences.

Most of the business, limited in volume, has been in railway and industrial securities. Fresh support has been accorded the new Deferred Home Railway stocks, while attention has also been drawn to Argentine rails by further big traffic increases. Steel shares and textiles have been favoured among industrials, and among oils Anglo-Persians have been a good market on the impending issue at 3¾, in contrast with 3¼ previously.

War Loan Supported.

Reinvestment of dividend money has brought fair inquiry for investment stocks, but the strength of British Funds appears to be more on the prospect of the demand increasing than on the actual amount of business put through to-day. The 5 per cent. War Loan has strengthened to 100⅜, Funding to 86, and Consols to 55¾. Conversion Loan has also improved to 75 3-16, while longer-dated National War Bonds are better.

"Berwick" Deferred Better.

Generally Home rails have been uninteresting and dull in places. Interest has been centred chiefly in North-Eastern stocks. "Berwick" Deferred particularly rising to 32½, the Preferred being 76½. Great Westerns and Midland have been inactive, while an easier tendency has manifested itself in Southern stocks. Caledonian issues have gone flat.

Prices: Southern Deferred 35¼, A 32, B 12, Great Westerns 109½, Brums 103¼.

Big B.A.G.S. Traffics.

Argentine Rails have further strengthened a fraction on the good traffic statements. The Great Southern has secured a net increase of £53,000, the actual gross receipts of £227,000 equalling the record take of the week ending February 26, 1921. No special demand, however, has set in for these stocks, though Cordoba Central second debentures have risen again to 53. Leopoldinas have recovered an initial setback.

Courtaulds Active.

Textiles have maintained an animated appearance, with Courtaulds prominent around 66s. The fresh rise was put down to a dealer being caught out over options on the shares. Bradford Dyers have been good at 48s. 6d., and Amalgamateds at 13s. 6d. bid. Fine Spinners and British Cellulose Prefs. are a shade easier.

Not much trading has been done among engineering shares, although good inquiry has been reported for two or three specialities and for Thornycroft Preferred at 13-16. Foster Wagons have been dull at 40s. Vickers 15s. 6d., Babcocks 70s. 7½d., Palmers 13s. 6d., General Electrics 19s. 3d., are firmer.

Associated Newspapers Deferred have been in demand, changing hands over 5½, good buying being reported. Interest has been fanned by the maintenance of the dividend, paid quarterly, at the rate of 40 per cent., on the increased capital. "Daily Mirrors" are closing firm at 4, after being easy.

Marconi issues have held their levels, although less active, and a harder tendency has been noticed in Radios at 16s. 6d. and Canadians at 11s. 3d. Tobacco shares have eased off a shade, and also Sudan Plantations.

Anglo-Persians Improve.

Among oil shares the only noteworthy feature has been an improvement in Anglo-Persians to 4 11-16, followed by a reaction to 4 9-16. Mex. Eagles have remained under 1 15-16, while Shells have flattened out at 4¼. British Controlled issues have weakened.

Several rubber shares have continued in request, including Rubber Trusts at 23s. 10½d., Anglo-Dutch at 34s. 6d., and Lumuts on the report at 1 11-16.

Kaffirs Lower.

Mines have been hesitant, Kaffirs turning dull on the expectation of the December crushing returns reflecting the recent fall in the price of gold. Prices generally have been lowered the turn, and fresh weakness has pressed Randfonteins down to 21s. 10½d. Diamonds have been dull.

Cams have been firm among Rhodesians around 38s. 6d., and with them London Rhodesians at 5s. 6d. Selukwes are 8s. 9d. San Francisco have eased off, and West Africans have been quiet.

LATEST TAPE PRICES.

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BRITISH FUNDS, Etc.

Consols 10.52—55⅝ ¾
War Loan 5% 10.52—100⅛ ¼ 12.55—100¼ ⅜ 1.1—100 5/16 7/16
War Loan 4½% 10.52—94¾ 5¼
War Loan 4% 10.52—101¾ 2¼
War Loan 3½% 10.52—95½ 6
Funding 10.52—85⅞ 6⅛
Victory 10.52—88⅛ ⅜ 1.11—88 ¼
Small 10.52—88⅛ ⅜ 1.11—88¼ ½ 1.44—88⅜ ⅝
Conversion 3½% 10.52—75 ⅛ 1.1—75 1/16 3/16 1.44—75⅛ ¼
Local Loans 10.52—63⅞ 4⅛
Treasury 5½% A 11.52—104¼ 5¼
C 10.52—104¾ 5¼
D 10.52—101¾ 2¼
Exchequer 5½% 1925 10.52—104 ¼ 1.11—104⅛ ⅜
National War Bonds 1st Series 5% 1927 11.12—103⅛ ⅜
4% 1927 11.12—100¾ 101¼
Do. 2nd Series 5% 1933 11.12—103⅛ ⅝
5% 1923 11.12—105⅞ 106⅛
4% 1923 11.12—100¾ 101¼
Do. 3rd Series 5% 1923 11.12—104½ ¾
4% 1923 11.12—100¾ 101¼
Do. 4th Series 5% 1929 11.12—105¼ ½
India 7% 1925-31 10.52—110 11 1.11—110½ 111½
India 5½% 1932 10.52—99 ¼ 1.11—99⅛ ⅜
India New 4½% 1950-1955 10.52—1⅛ 1⅛ dis
India 3½% 10.52—63 ½
India 3% 10.52—55 ½
India 2½% 10.52—45¾ 46¼
Irish 3% 10.52—62½ 3½
Irish 2¾% 10.52—57 8 1.11—56½ 7½
L.C.C. 3½% 10.52—74 5
L.C.C. 3% 10.52—64 5
Met. Water B 10.52—64 65
Met. Water C 10.52—104 5
Bank Stock 10.52—232 35

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Cal. Pf. 10.47—52 3 1.40—51¾ 2¾
Cal. Df. 10.47—15⅜ ⅝ 1.40—15¼ ½
Gt. Western 10.47—109¼ ¾
Ldn Mid. Scot. 10.47—103 ½
Ldn & N.E. Pf. 10.47—75½ 6½ 11.10—76 7
Def. 10.47—30¾ 1¼ 10.59—31 ½ 11.10—31½ 2
Metro. 10.47—60¾ 1¼
Met. Dist. 10.47—46½ 7
Sthern Pf. 10.47—77½ 78½
Def. 10.47—35 ½
A Ord. 10.47—32½ 33½
B Ord. 10.47—12½ 13½ 11.10—12 13
Und. Elec. 6 Income Bonds 10.47—36¾ 37¼
Und. Elec. 11.14—2¼ 2½
Und. Elec. A 11.14—6/9 7/3

CANADIAN RAILWAYS.

Can. Pac. 12.32—155 157
Trunk Pac. 11.9—38 40
Trunk Ord. 11.9—¼ ½
Trunk 1st Pref. 11.9—5 7
Trunk 2nd Pref. 11.2—2 3
Trunk 3rd Pref. 11.9—½ 1½
Trunk Guarantd 11.9—76 7

FOREIGN RAILWAYS.

Antofagasta Ord 11.10—73 4
Arg. Gt. West 12.0—79½ 81½
Arg. N.E. 12.0—17½ 18½
B.A. Pac 11.10—82½ 3½
B.A.G.S. 11.10—85 6
B.A. West 11.10—80½ 1½
Cent. Arg. 11.10—6 7
Def 12.0—35 7
Cent. Uru. 12.0—3 5
Chargeur Reunis fy pd 12.0—72½ 3½
Costa Rica 11.10—20 1
Cordoba Cent. 11.10—13½ 14½
1st Pf. 12.0—27 8
2nd Pf. 12.0—16½ 17½
1st Deb 11.10—62½ 3½
2nd Deb 11.10—52½ 3½ 12.0—53 4
Entre Rios 12.0—24 25
G W Brazil 12.0—2¼ 3
Guay Cen. 11.47—22 4
Leopoldina 11.10—35½ 36½ 12.0—35 36
Mex. Rails 11.47—12 13
1st Pf. 11.47—38 40
2nd Pf. 11.47—21 3
Midi 10.59—9¾ 80¼
Nord 10.59—85 86
Orleans 10.59—9½ 80½
P. L. M. Bds 10.59—82 3
Parag. Cent 11.47—14 16
San Paulo 11.10—119 121
Tran-Atlantique 12.0—73 5
Un. Hav. 12.0—71 2

OILS.

Agwi Pet. 11.27—1 11/32 1 13/32
Anglo-American 11.19—4 3/16 7/16 12.51—3⅞ 4
Anglo-Ecuador 11.12—21/9 2/3
Anglo-Egypt B 11.19—1 3/16 ¼ 12.51—1¼ 5/16
Anglo-Persian New Ord. 11.19—4 5/16 7/16 11.27—4⅜ ½ 11.45—4 7/16 4 9/16 12.21—4 9/16 11/16
Anglo-Persian 8% Pref. 12.2—24/10½ 8/4½ 12.51—25/3 /9
Anglo-Persian 9% Pref. 12.2—25/9 6/3 12.51—6 /6
Attock Oil 12.2—2 5/16 3/16
Brit. Borneo 12.2—15/32 17/32
Brit. Burmah Db. 12.2—15/32 17/32
Brit. Control 11.27—7/7½ /10½
Brit. Control Pf. 10.58—8/10½ 9/1½ 11.19—6/7½ /10½
Brit. Motor Spirit 12.2—2/9 3/3
Burmah 10.58—5 ⅛ 12.81—5⅛ ¼
Burmah New Pf. 12.2—25/ /6
Caltex 12.2—1/1 /3
English Oilfields 12.2—2/9 3/3
Havana 12.2—1/ /3
Indo-Burmah 12.2—/6 1/
Kern 12.2—18/6 19/0 12.51—18/3 /9
Lobitos 11.19—5 13/16 ⅞
Mex. Eagles 10.58—1⅞ 1 15/16 1.14—1 29/32 31/32
Mex. Eagles New Pre. 11.27—16/10½ 17/1½
Oilfields Finance 12.2—1/9 2/3
Oil Trust 12.2—1/ /3
Peru Synd. 1.14—3/3 4/3
Phoenix 10.58—26/6 /7
Premier 12.2—2/6 /9
Roumanian Cons. 11.12—13/ /6
Royal Dutch 10.58—33¾ 4¼
Scot. American 12.2—/10½ 1/1½
Shells 10.58—4 7/32 9/32
Spies 11.19—4/9 5/3
Steaua-Romana 12.2—8/1½ /7½
Urals 11.19—17/32 19/32
Uroz 10.38—7/7½ /10½
Var 12.2—3/ /6
Venezuela 10.58—24/3 24/9

RUBBER, TEA, ETC.

Allagar 12.22—1/ /3
Amalg. Rub. Est. 12.22—2/6 /9 12.35—2/7½ 2/9
Anglo-Dutch 11.19—4/ 5/
Anglo-Java 12.22—2/7½ /10½
Anglo-Malay 12.0—[illegible]
Bah Lias 12.27—1 15/32 19/32
Bajoe Kidoel 11.19—1⅝ ¾
Baru Java 12.15—1 5/16 7/16
Batang Cons. 12.22—1/6 /9
Batu Tiga 12.27—1⅝ ⅞
Bekoh 12.27—1/3 /6
Besoeki 12.15—1¼ ⅜
Biting 12.22—6/3 /9
Brieh 12.22—1/3 /6
Brit. Bb. Est. Java 12.22—3/4½ /7½
Bukit Cloh 12.22—4/6 5/0
Bukit Mertajam 12.22—2/9 3/
Bukit Rajah 12.27—31/32 1 1/32
Bukit Selangor 12.22—1/4½ /7½
Bukit Sembawng 12.22—1/6 /9
Castlefield 12.27—4/9 5/3
Chersonese 12.22—3/3 3/6
Damansara 12.27—23/32 25/32
Djasinga 12.15—25/32 29/32
Eastern Rub. Trust 12.27—19/ 20/
Golconda 12.27—1¼ ½
Golden Hope 12.27—21
Grand Central 12.15—20/ 1/
Gula Kalumpong 12.15—1 1/16 3/16
Highlands 12.0—1 19/32 1 23/32
Java Amal. 12.15—1 ⅛
Java Invest. 12.15—1 5/32 1 7/32
Java Para 12.15—1 5/32 9/32
Java [illegible] Prod. 12.15—1 11/16 13/16
Java [illegible] Planta. 12.15—1 11/16 13/16
Java Un. 12.15—1 9/32 13/32
Jugra Land & Rb. 12.30—14/ 15/
Kali Java 11.34—1/7½ 1/10½
Kamuning 12.22—2/10½ 3/1½
Kinta Kellas 11.34—3/1½ /4½
Kombok 12.22—2/10½ 3/1½
Kuala Lumpur 12.39—2 ¼
Linggi 12.0—1½ ⅝
Ln. Asiatic 12.0—3/9 4/3
Lubok 12.22—2/10½ 3/1½
Lumut 11.27—1⅝ ¾
Malacca 12.27—2⅛ ⅜
Malayalam 12.15—23/3 24/3
Merlimau 12.22—3/1½ /4½
Mt. Austin 12.22—1[illegible]
N. buda 12.30—¼ ⅞
Nordanal 12.30—⅝ ¾
Pataling 12.15—1 ⅛
Perak 12.27—2/10½ 3/4½
Port Dickson 12.22—2/1½ /4½
[illegible] 12.22—13/16 15/16
Rim 12.22—3/1½ /4½
Rubber Trust 11.19—23/3 4/
Selaba 12.30—1⅛ ¼
Selangor 12.15—3/3 /9
Sialang 12.15—1 7/16 9/16
Singapore Para 12.22—2/1½ /4½
Singapore Un. 12.22—1/1½ /4½
Straits Bertam 12.0—4/7½ 5/1½
Straits Rub. 12.30—1 ⅛
Sumatra Para 12.27—3/ /6
Taiping 12.22—1/7½ 1/10½
Tali Ayer 12.30—22/0 23/0
Tambira 11.19—27/0 23/0 12.27—27/3 28/3
Tamiang 12.27—1 1/16 3/16
Tandjong 12.27—1⅛ 1¼
Tanjong Malim 12.27—1 1/32 3/32
Telogoredjo 12.15—1 25/32 1 5/16
Un. Serdang 12.0—3/3 /6
Un. Sua Betong 12.15—3 1/16 3/16
Un. Sumatra 12.27—2/6 3/
Un. Temiang 12.22—2/10½ 3/1½
Val d'Or 12.22—2/10½ 3/1½
Vallambrosa 12.0—13/6 14/6
Waverley 12.22—1/4½ 1/7½

FOREIGN STOCKS.

Arg. 1933 11.54—98½ 99½
Arg. N. Cent 11.54—96 97
Arg. B.A. Water 11.54—98 6
Arg. B.A. Port 11.54—84½ 5½
Arg. Resc. 11.54—72½ 3½
B.A. 3½% 11.54—48 9
Bergen New 11.54—2½ 2
Belgian '14 11.54—67 68
Braz. 1923 11.54—104 105
Braz. 1888 11.54—45 48
Braz. 1889 11.54—42 43
Braz. Res. 11.54—42½ 3½
Braz. 1908 11.54—82½ 83
Braz. 1914 11.54—67½ 68½
Braz. 1910 11.54—44 5
Braz. 1911 11.54—46 8
Braz. 1913 11.54—52 53
Czechoslovak 11.54—9 90
Chinese 1896 11.54—92½ 3½
Chinese '98 11.54—81½ 82½
Chinese '12 11.54—72 73
Chinese '13 11.54—74 75½
Colombian 3% 11.47—52 4
6% '13 11.47—3 70
6% '33 11.47—66 8
Costa Rica 4% 11.47—62 64
Egypt Un. 11.54—93¾ 94¼
French 5% 10.59—31 ½
French 4% 10.59—25 ½
Seine 11.54—7½ 8½
German 3% 10.59—1 1/32 1 3/32
German 3½% 10.59—5/6 6/6
German 4% 10.59—8/6 9/6
Guatemala 11.47—42 44
Honduras 11.47—5½ 6
Italian 11.54—21 2
Japan 4% 11.54—68 9
Japan 4½% 1st 11.54—101½ 2½
Japan 2nd 11.54—101½ 102½
Japan 1903 11.54—87 89
Japan 1907 11.54—84 85
Japan 1910 11.54—67 69
Mexico 4% 11.54—9 43
Mexico 5% 11.54—57 9
Mexico 6% 11.54—65 7
Irrigation 11.54—1 41
Nicaragua 11.47—63 5
Norw'y 11.54—101½ 2½ xd
Paraguay 11.47—14 16
Peruvian 11.54—4¼ ½
Peru Pref 10.59—28¾ 29
Peru Debs 11.54—90 91
New 10.59—1⅛ ½ pm
Portuguese 11.54—27½ 28½
Russia 5% 11.54—3 10
Russia 4½% 11.54—5½ 7½
Russia 4% 11.54—6 7
Salvador 11.47—51 3
Turk Unf. 10.50—27½ 28½
Urug'ay 3½% 11.47—6 ½
4% 11.47—30 2
Venezuela 11.47—64 6

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Ches. & Ohio 12.32—74½ 6½
Erie 12.32—11½ 12½
Erie 1st Pref. 12.32—16 18
Southern Com. 12.32—25½ 7½
Southern Pref. 12.32—69 71
Ontario 12.32—20½ 1½
Nat. Mex. 8% 1st Pref. 12.32—7¾ 8¾
Nat. Mex. 8% 2nd Pref. 12.32—3¼ ½

NITRATES.

Antofagasta 6½% 11.44—8 100
Aguas Blancas 11.47—22/ 23/
Alianza 11.47—18 19
Azucar 11.47—1⅝ ⅞
Angela 11.47—1⅝ ¾
Anglo Chilian 21 11.47—2⅛ 3¼
A. P. 11.47—2⅞ 3⅛
Barrenechea 11.47—1⅜ ⅝
Lagunas 11.47—25/ 7/0
Lagunas Syn 11.47—4/0 5/0
Lautaro 11.47—7½ 8
Liverpool 11.47—2⅞ 3⅛
London 11.47—1⅞ 2
Lastenia Db 11.47—par ½ pm
New Pa[illegible] 11.47—1 9/16 11/16
New [illegible] 11.47—1 3/16 5/16
Rosario 11.47—27/0 9 0
Salar del Carmen 11.47—2 9/16 11/16
Santa Cat. 11.47—1 3/16 5/16
Santiago 11.47—1⅞ 2⅛
San Pat. 11.47—54/6 5/6
San Sebastl. 11.47—4/6 5/3
Santa Rita 11.47—1 7/16 1 9/16
Tarapacca 11.47—12/0 13/0

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

Anglo Amer. Def. 12.39—24 ¼
Anglo B 12.39—103 4
East Tele 12.39—9 91
East. Extn. Pd. 12.39—19 1/16 5/16
Westn 12.39—18⅝ 18⅞
Globe 12.39—18⅞ 19⅛
Henley 12.33—46 6 7/6
Marconi 11.3—2¼ 5/16
Deb 11.3—3¼ ¾ pm 1.36—3⅜ ⅞
Marconi Pfs. 11.3—2 1/16 3/16
Marconi Can. 11.3—11/ /3 1.36—10/9 11/3
Marconi Mar. 11.3—29/32 31/32
Radio 11.3—16/ 17/ 1.36—15/6 16/6
Pre. 11.3—13/ 14/

SHIPPING.

Cairns 11.9—21/6 22/6
Clan New Deb 11.9—103 4
Cour 11.12—1¾ ⅞
Cunard 11.9—23/6 24/6
Furness 11.9—35/0 36/0
Indo China Def. 11.9—27½ 9½
Lamport Holt 5% 11.9—93½ 4½
P & O Def. 11.9—325 35
Royal Mail 11.9—98 100
New 11.9—103 4
Union Castle New Deb 11.9—104 5
New 11.9—/3 dis /3 pm

MINING, LAND, ETC.

AfricEurop 11.41—⅛ ⅝
Amal. Zinc 11.35—1 ⅛
Angl. Amer 11.23—1 7/32 1 9/32
Ang. Frnch 11.46—16/6 17/6
Apex 11.46—6/6 7/0
Ariz. Cop 11.35—⅞ 1
Aurora W. 11.57—6/3 0/9
Balaghat 11.35—11/3 12/6
Bechuanal 11.45—6/9 7/3
Brakpan 11.29—2⅞ 3
Brit. Brok Hill 11.35—1 11/16 13/16
Brit Cent. Af 11.57—3/9 4/3
Brit. Plat 11.57—9/0 10/0
BkHillPp 11.35—1 7/16 9/16
Burma Cor 11.35—6/7½ /10½
Cam Motr 11.5—1⅞ 2
Cent. Min 10.35—8¼ ⅞
Chartered 10.54—11/9 12/
Charterld Cent 11.45—9/0 9/6
City Deep 11.29—2 23/32 25/32
City & Sub 11.46—2/ 3/3
Colum Min 11.5—6/6 7/6
Cons Diam 11.29—22/0 22/6
Con Lang 11.46—16/0 17/0
Con. MR 11.29—12/6 13/0
Con Mines Sel 11.41—15/6 16/6
Coronatn. 11.29—5/3 5/9
Crown 11.29—3 11/32 3 13/32
Dagga GM 11.29—3/3 0/9
De Beers Def 10.54—13 7/16 13 11/16
Pref 10.54—12 13/16 15/16
Durban Deep 11.29—13/3 13/9
East Rand 10.54—7/10½ 8/1½
Esperanza 11.6—11/0 12/0
Explor. Land 11.57—4/10½ 5/1½
Falcon Mines 11.45—6/0 6/6
Ferreira Deep 11.29—8/3 0/9
Gaika Gold 11.45—12/0 12/6
Geduld 10.55—3 13/32 15/32
Gen. Min 10.55—13/6 14/0
Golden Dp 11.29—6/0 6/6
Globe P. 11.45—11/6 12/6 11.29—⅞ 1
Goldfields 10.54—¾ 13/16
Govt Area 11.29—5⅜ ½
Henderson 11.15—2/1½ 2/4½
H E Prop 11.57—5/6 6/6
Johannes Inv. 11.6—31/0 31/6
Kamunting 11.35—1 5/16 7/16
Kirkland 11.29—8/0 9/0
Knights 11.46—19/0 20/0
Knights Cent. 11.29—5/0 5/6
Loman Rhod 11.45—1/3 0/9
Lonely 11.45—1 11/16 13/16
Ld Rhod 11.45—3/3 5/6
Malay Fin 11.38—1 3/16 5/16
Mashonald 11.45—4/0 4/6
Meyer Charlton 11.46—4 ¼
Mex. Mine 11.6—4⅜ ⅝
Mex. Corp 11.6—6/6 7/0
Min. San. 11.38—5⅝ ⅞
Modder Deep 11.29—2 5/16 7/16
Modder 10.54—4¼ ⅝
Modder B 10.55—1 19/32 21/32
Modder E 11.46—6/6 7/6
Mozambique 11.57—8/9 9/0
Mt Lyell 11.39—19/6 20/6
Mysore 11.35—11/3 11/9
Namaqua 11.38—1⅝ ⅞
Nat. Ming 11.29—2/4½ 2/10½
New Chuquitambo 11.6—1 5/16 7/16
New [illegible] 11.57—8/0 9/0
Nw Jager 11.54—4 ⅛
New Kleinfte 11.46—6/3 7/0
New State Area 11.4—1¾ 1 13/16
Nigel 11.45—9/32 11/32
Nourse 11.29—17/6 18/0
Nundydg 11.35—8/6 9/0
Oceana 11.45—5/0 0/6
Oriental 11.41—⅜ ½
Ouro Preto 11.6—⅝ 11/16
Ooregum 11.35—23/32 25/32
Premier Df 11.41—6½ 7
Pref 11.41—6¾ 7
Primrose 11.46—5/0 6/0
Rand Min 10.54—2 31/32 3 1/32
Randfontein 10.54—21/10½ 2/1½
Rand Cst. 10.54—15/4½ /10½
Rand Selec 11.29—3¼ ½
[illegible] 11.38—1 1/16 3/16
Rezende 11.6—3 3/16 5/16
Rhod Bk Hill 11.45—5/7½ /10½
Rhod Cop 11.45—2/ /3
Rhod Dev 11.57—5/6 6/0
Rhod Inv 11.45—5/3 0/9
Rio Tinto 10.55—33¼ 33¾
Robinson Dp A 11.29—1¼ ⅜
B 11.29—13/3 13/9
Rose Deep 11.29—14/6 15/6
Russo Asiatic 10.55—9/3 9/9
San Fran Mex 11.5—15/3 15/9
Selukwe 11.45—8/9 9/3
Shamva 11.57—1 5/16 ⅜
Siamese 11.38—2 1/16 3/16
S. Amer Copper 11.6—10/6 11/6
S. Crofty 11.35—5/3 0/9
S W Africa 11.29—15/6 16/6
Spring 11.29—2⅜ ½
Sub Nigel 11.29—9/6 10/6
Tati Cons 11.57—5/0 6/0
Tran Dev 11.45—8/0 8/6
Trans Gld 11.57—9/6 10/6
Trans Rhod 11.45—1/4½ /7½
Un. Copper 10.55—23/6 24/0
Un. Rhod 11.45—5/0 6/0
Van Ryn Deep 11.29—3 11/16 13/16
Van Ryn 11.57—18/6 19/0
R Victor 11.41—¼ ½
Victoria Falls 11.29—17/6 18/6
Pref. 11.29—25/9 6/3
Village Deep 11.29—16/0 17/0
West Rand 11.29—5/3 5/9
Welgedacht 11.41—½ ¾
Willoughby 11.45—3/9 4/3
Wit Dp 11.29—[illegible]
Wolhuter 11.46—3/ /6
W Spring 11.29—15/6 16/0
Zambesia 11.57—11/6 12/0
Zinc Corp 11.—13/6 14/0

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

A B C 10.59—31/9 2/9
Af. E. Tra 11.3—9/0 39/0
Amal Cotton 10.54—12/6 13/0
Army Nvy 10.59—22/0 3/0
As. [illegible] 10.59—16/0 17/0
AssNewsDf 10.59—5⅛ ½ 11.38—5⅜ ⅝ 11.35—5 7/16 9/16
Barker J 11.3—48/3 9 3
Bleachers 10.54—43/9 4/3
Bradfd Dyer 10.54—47/0 48/0
Brit Am Tob 10.59—88/0 89/0
Brit Cellulose 11.12—8/9 9/3
Brit. Cellulose Pf 11.12—12/6 13/
Brit. Oxygen 10.59—22/0 3/0
Brit. Dyes 11.35—4/3 5/3
Bt N Borneo 11.3—10/6 11/3
Brit Oil Cake 10.54—26/9 7/9
Calico Printer 10.54—22/0 3/0
Charron 11.15—1/9 2/9
China [illegible] 11.3—2 13/16 15/16
Coats 10.54—65/6 6/6
Cook, Son 11.14—15/9 16/9
Pref. 11.14—20/6 21/6
Col. Dyers 11.35—8/6 9/6
Courtauld 10.47—65/6 66/ 10.51—65/9 6/3 10.59 65/6 6/ 11.24—65/3 /9
Crossley 11.15—6/0 7/0
Cross Blackwll 11.12—3/3 4/3
7½ Pref 11.12—14/6 15/0
2d Pref 11.12—7/9 8/3
Cross Wests 11.12—/7½ /8½
Pf 11.12—14/3 14/9
Daily Mirror 10.59—4 ⅛
De Trey 11.3—15/6 16/6
Dennis 11.15—28/0 7/0
Dunlop 10.59—3/7½ /9½
Deb 10.59—104¾ 5¼
Eastwood 11.14—14/6 15/6
English Cotton 10.54—47/0 8/0
Fine Spinners 10.54—43/6 4/6
Gas Light Coke 11.53—93¾ 4¾
Harper Bean 11.16—1/0 /6
Harper Bean Pf 11.16—2/3 3/3
Harrods 10.59—23/3 9/3
Harrod B A 10.59—8/6 9/0
Hollins 11.35—20/6 1/6
Home Col 11.41—2¾ 3
Hoyle 11.35—1¼ ⅜
Hudson Bays 11.9—7 7/16 9/16
Hyd. Deccan 11.3—1⅛ ¼
Ideal Sewing Machine 11.3—/7 /9
Illingworth Morris 11.35—18/9 19/9
Int Paint 11.14—19/32 21/32
Imp. Tob. of Gt. Britain 10.59—73/ 4/
Imp. Tob. Can 10.59—22/0 3/0
Johnson P 11.12—15/3 16/3
Jones & K 11.14—2/1½ /6
Jones Pref 11.14—7/0 7/9
Jute Indus. 11.38—7/3 7/9
Jute Pref 11.35—18/6 19/0
Jurgens Pref 10.59—18/0 19/0
Lever 7% Pref 10.59—20/3 /9
Lever 8% Pref 10.59—19/1½ /7½
20% Pf 10.59—10/9 11/3
Deb Reg. 10.59—106 107
5% Deb 10.59—93 4
Lister 11.12—28/ 29/0
Lond. Cnt. Markets 10.54—2¼ 5/16
Lond. Sub Tract. Pf 11.14—9/3 9/9
Lovell Christmas 11.41—1 3/16 ⅝
Lyons 10.54—4 5/16 7/16
A 10.54—4 5/16 7/16
Mackintosh Pf 11.12—27/3 8/6
Magadi Soda 10.59—3/9 4/9
Def 10.59—1/0 /6
Maple 11.41—1 15/32 19/32
Maypole Def 10.59—5/9 6/3
Nathan Pf Ord 11.12—17/6 18/6
Nestles Pref 11.12—18/0 18/9
Niger 8% 11.3—17/3 18/3
Niger Notes 11.3—102½ 3½
Nobel Indus. 11.35—16/6 17/6
Paton Baldwin 11.33—51/0 2/0
Pekin Synd. 11.3—5/6 6/6
Shansi 11.3—⅜ ½
Peters 11.16—7/16 9/16
Pink Pf 11.14—5/16 ⅜
Platt Bros. 10.58—41/9 42/3
Selincourt 11.3—1¼ ⅜
Selfridge 6% Pf 11.41—23/9 4/9
10% Pf Ord 11.41—23/9 6/9
Smith [illegible] 11.16—2/9 3/3
S Met Gas 11.53—33¾ 4¾
Spiers & Pond 10.59—25/6 6/3
S T D 11.16—6/0 7/0
Straker Squire 11.16—0/9 1/3
Swedish Match 10.59—6 15/16 7 1/16
T Tilling 11.16—30/3 31/3
U S Lumber 11.3—21 3
Un. Oil Cake 10.54—13/6 14/0
Van den Berg 5% Ord 11.41—1 3/16 5/16
Vauxhall Motor 11.16—6/6 7/6
Whiteley 11.8—44/6 5/6
Willys Over. Crossley 11.16—4/6 5/3

IRON, COAL, AND STEEL.

Armstrong 10.59—19/6 20/6
Baldwin 10.59—18/3 19/3
Bengal Iron 10.59—23/3 24/3
Brunner Mond 10.59—38/0 39/
Vickers 10.59—15/1½ 15/7½

THE MONEY MARKET.

SHORT LOAN CONDITIONS CONTINUE EXTREMELY EASY.

In spite of the repayment of a large amount to the Bank, day-to-day money became practically unlendable in Lombard-street to-day. The highest rate paid for call loans was 1¼ per cent., most was lent at 1 per cent., while towards the close balances were offering freely at ½ per cent. At the close a good deal was unlent, in spite of the low rates quoted.

Further weakness was shown by bill rates on the easiness of monetary conditions. Although the banks were keen buyers of bills, little business was done owing to the disinclination of the market to sell. Two and three months' bills marked 2⅜ per cent., "fours" 2⅜—7-16 per cent., and "sixes" 2⅜ per cent. The new Treasuries were quoted 2 3-16—¼ per cent.

Spot silver was unchanged at 31⅝d., but forward rose ⅛d. to 30⅞d. A fair business passed, China being both a buyer and a seller. Gold declined 2d. to 89s. 1d., the whole of the supplies available being taken for India.

Exchanges were upset in places by the latest Reparations crisis. The franc declined sharply and the mark weakened. Elsewhere the Italian rate improved a little, while sterling was very steady in New York. Rio was again very flat, the rate being down to the record low level touched last year.

	Previous close.	To-day.
Paris..................	62.55—62.60	64.10—64.20
Amsterdam..........	11.75—11.77	11.78—11.79
Rome..................	90⅛—90¼	89⅞—90
Madrid	29.54—29.56	29.51—29.57
Switzerland..........	24.48—24.52	24.54—24.56
Brussels..............	68.30—68.60	69.70—69.80
Berlin.................	31[illegible]50—33750	35500—36000
Vienna	315000—325000	315000—330000
Bukarest	775—800	750—790
Warsaw...............	80000—84000	80000—85000
Prague	148—150	141—142
Finland...............	183—187	185½—186½
Christiania	24.70—24.75	24.45—24.50
Copenhagen..........	22.52—22.56	22.65—22.70
Stockholm	17.17—17.19	17.19—17.21
Greece	375—385	375—400
Lisbon	2⅜—2 7/16	2[illegible]—2 7/16
Rio de Janeiro	6 1/32d.	6 1/32
Mexico	25—28	25—28
Valparaiso	35.70	35.90
B. Ayres tel. trans..	44⅛—44¼	44¼—44½
New York (cable) ..	4.64⅜—4.64⅝	4.64⅞—4.65
Montreal	4.68—4.69	4.69¼—4.69¾
Bombay tel. trans..	1/4 3/32d.	1/4⅛d.
Calcutta tel. trans..	1/4 1/16d.	1/4⅛d.
HongKong tel. trans.	2/2¾d.	2/2¾d.
Shanghai.............	3/0d.	3/0d.
Yokohama	2/1⅛d.	2/1⅛d.
Singapore............	2/4⅛d.	2/4⅛d.
Montevideo	44—44½	44⅛—44⅝

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Messrs. Drakeford, Browne, and Co., of Liverpool and London, report as follows:—

Previous Closing Prices.

American futures closed: Jan. 14.79d., March 14.65d., May 14.47d., July 14.27d.

New York closed: Jan. 26.25c., March 26.57c., May 26.63c., July 25.37c., Oct. 24.62c.

Egyptian futures, closed: Jan. 17.00d. March 17.20d.

Wednesday.

American futures opened: Jan. 14.68d., March 14.54d., May 14.36d., July 14.16d.

11 a.m.—American futures: March 14.46d., May 14.29d., July 14.09d.

11 a.m.—Egyptian futures: March 17.05d.

Alexandria opened: Jan. 32.90d., March 34.05d.

Spot sales: 4,000 bales.

12.15 p.m.—American futures: Jan. 14.60d., March 14.46d., May 14.28d., July 14.09d.

Tone—quiet.

12.15 p.m.—Egyptian futures: Jan. 16.80d., March 16.96d.

Alexandria closed: Jan. 32.95d., March 34.00d.

FAVOURITES WIN AT GATWICK

ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR WARWICK.

MODERATE FIELDS

GERALD L TAKES THE CRAWLEY S'CHASE.

GATWICK, Wednesday.

There was a touch of spring in the weather, but the sunshine and dry, light breeze little affected the character of the going, which was heavy.

Gatwick, like other places, has had its full share of rain, yet the course yielded better galloping than might have been expected.

The beautiful morning helped to supplement the attractions of an interesting card, so we saw a good attendance in the various enclosures.

Major Doyle, who has been doing so very well of late, opened the game very well for backers by an easy win on Turbine Secundus in the Clayton 'Chase. The winner, in company with The Saint IV. and Gay Scholar, was always in the fighting line, and at every point held Ned Carver safe.

Adalew fell at the fence before the water, but the veteran rider, B. Ellis, escaped without injury. Dame Archie also came to grief. Turbine Secundus was again bought in at 220 guineas.

Warwick's "Hat-trick."

The nine-year-old Warwick revels in soft going. Isaac Morgan sent him to the front at the outset in the Horley Hurdle Race, and, drawing right away, he was never approached till Woodchurch got within four lengths of him passing the winning post. This was the winner's third success off the reel, and some early backers got odds against, but most people had to rest content with evens.

Tabor was able to retain Warwick on two previous occasions because no one would bid, but this latest proof of the old horse's capacity induced Mr. Siegmund Cohen to buy him for 260 guineas, presumably for himself, but Warwick, of course, remains in Tabor's stable.

Square Dance Absent.

Neither Halston nor Square Dance was called upon for the Crawley Steeplechase. General L. was always favourite from White Surrey, and the pair did almost all the fighting in the race, Gerald L. winning comfortably at the close.

Puro came a cropper, and The Bore was pulled out. The old fellow pecked on landing at the fence opposite the stands, and appeared tired and leg weary. White Surrey ran well, but was completely done with, and swerved in the run in.

Duller rides Golly Eyes to-morrow, and F. Rees Ravenspool.

Blenheim turned out for the Moderate Hurdle instead of the Four-Year-Old affair, and after a good finish defeated Blacking and Topical Charlie. B. Jay ran well for half the journey, and in the straight Topical Charlie moved up prominently. Duller, however, brought Blenheim along to the final hurdle and maintained a winning advantage.

1.0.—CLAYTON (S) HANDICAP 'CHASE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Two miles.

TURBINE SECUNDUS, by Turbine—Queen of the Road (Mrs M S Russell), a-10-11 Major Doyle 1

THE SAINT IV (Mr B Warner), a-11-7 H Bletsoe 2

GAY SCHOLAR (Mr M Dollar), 6-11-9 I Morgan 3

Also ran: Archbishop (Dale), Ned Carver (L Rees), Dame Archie (Hedges), Malinkaia (Green), Poor Jack (G Wall), Rushyford (Fitzgerald), Adalew (B Ellis).

(Off 1.1.—Winner trained by Bailey.)

Betting: 2 to 1 agst TURBINE SECUNDUS, 100 to 30 Ned Carver, 9 to 2 Gay Scholar, 6 to 1 The Saint IV., 10 to 1 others. Won by three lengths; neck.

Gay Scholar led from The Saint IV and Turbine Secundus to the third fence, where Dame Archie fell as did Adalew at the obstacle before the brook. At that juncture The Saint IV was clear of Gay Scholar and Turbine Secundus, but shortly afterwards the last named became second, and, taking the command two fences from home, won. Ned Carver was fourth and Poor Jack last.

The winner was retained for 220gs.

1.30.—HORLEY (S) HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Two miles.

WARWICK, by Llangwm—Perseverance II (Mr C V Tabor) a-11-12 ... I Morgan 1

WOODCHURCH (Mrs G N Bennett), 5-11-8 F Wootton 2

SYBARITE (Mr F Goodman), a-11-12 A Smyth 3

Also ran: Friar Dennis (F Brookes), Maraskin (F Rees), Taree (Speck), Ronny the Rake (Dale).

(Off 1.31.—Winner trained by Tabor.)

Betting: Evens WARWICK 9 to 4 Woodchurch: 10 to 1 others. Won by four lengths; half a length.

Warwick led from Friar Dennis and Woodchurch for a mile, when Sybarite went on third. Entering the straight Woodchurch improved his position, and became second between the last two hurdles, but could not make any impression on Warwick, who led throughout. Taree was fourth and Maraskin last.

The winner was sold to Mr. Cohen for 260gs.

2.0.—CRAWLEY 'CHASE HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second 30 sovs; third 15 sovs. Three miles.

GERALD L, by Captivation—Lavenne (Major F Scott Murray), a-11-12 F Morgan 1

WHITE SURREY (Admiral Sir H Meux), a-11-8 ....A Escott 2

WAFER (Lady Mitchelson), a-10-0 Lefebve 3

Also ran: The Bore (Mr H A Brown) Puro (L'Estrange), Harrismith (F Brookes).

(Off 2.1—Winner trained by Gwilt.)

Betting: 5 to 4 agst GERALD L, 9 to 4 White Surrey, 6 to 1 Harrismith, 7 to 1 The Bore, 8 to 1 others. Won by six lengths; eight lengths.

At the first fence Puro fell. White Surrey led from Gerald L and The Bore for two miles, when Gerald L and Wafer headed White Surrey, who became second four fences from home, but failed to get on terms with Gerald L, who won pulling up. The Bore did not complete the course.

2.30.—MODERATE HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second 10 sovs. Two miles.

BLENHEIM, by Louvois—Grisues (Mr I Isaacs), 4-10-10 ....G Duller 1

BLACKING (Mr Edward Clark), 6-11-7 F B Rees 2

TOPICAL CHARLIE (Sir Shadforth Watts), 5-11-1 ....A Escott 3

Also ran: Farm Gamp (L'Estrange), Jaeden (F Fitton), Flying Simon (Major Doyle), B Jay (F Brookes), Misty Morning (Fitzgerald), Marie Jeane (A Carrell), Chorus Girl (Tighe).

(Off 2.34.—Winner trained by Hyams.)

Betting: 5 to 4 agst BLENHEIM, 3 to 1 Topical Charlie, 6 to 1 each Blacking and B Jay, 100 to 8 others. Won by a length and a half; one length.

Chorus Girl led from B Jay, Blacking, Topical Charlie, and Jaeden, for six furlongs, when Blenheim went on second. At the final hurdle Topical Charlie joined Blenheim, who was challenged by Blacking on the flat, but the favourite, however, won cleverly. Jaeden was fourth and Chorus Girl last.

3.0.—PURLEY 'CHASE HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second 20 sovs; third 10 sovs. Two miles.

SCHIDDLES, by Yentoi—Stanway (Mrs Gray), a-10-9 ....P L'Estrange

INGOE (Mr H A Brown), a-10-10 Mr H A Brown 2

Also ran: Broadway (G Wall), Financier (Trudgill).

(Off 3.2.—Winner trained by E. Martin.)

Betting: 6 to 5 on Broadway, 3 to 1 agst SCHIDDLES, 5 to 1 Financier, 7 to 1 Ingoe. Won by twenty lengths.

Schiddles led from Financier and Broadway to the third fence, where Financier fell, Broadway going on second till four fences from home, when he swerved and unseated his jockey, leaving Schiddles to win. Only two finished.

3.25.—FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second 20 sovs; third 10 sovs. Two miles.

EASTERN PRINCE, by Sunstar—Ayesha (Mr P F Heybourn), 10-13 ......G Duller 1

WEAL OR WOE (Mr J Hassan), 10-7 A Escott 2

OH! DICK (Mrs C Stevens), 10-11 ...Dale 3

Also ran: Sweet Repose (Tighe), Sodalis (F Fitton) Cato (J Clark).

(Off 3.26.—Winner trained by J M Bell.)

Betting: 6 to 4 on EASTERN PRINCE, 3 to 1 agst Oh! Dick, 7 to 1 Weal or Woe, 10 to 1 others. Won by four lengths; five lengths.

Cato led from Oh! Dick and Eastern Prince, with Sweet Repose in the rear for a mile, when Eastern Prince went on second, and depriving Cato of the lead six furlongs from home the favourite resisted the challenge of Weal or Woe between the last two hurdles, and won. Cato last.

RACING FIXTURES

JANUARY.

Hurst Park	5, 6	Windsor	19, 20
Haydock Park	5, 6	Leicester	22, 23
Birmingham	8, 9	Plumpton	24, 25
Tenby	10, 11	Kempton Park	26, 27
Lingfield Park	12, 13	Nottingham	29, 30
Derby	15, 16	Sandown Park	31, Feb 1
Newbury	17, 18		

FEBRUARY.

Manchester	2, 3	Hurst Park	16, 17
Warwick	5, 6	Leicester	19, 20
Gatwick	7, 8	Newbury	21, 22
Lingfield Park	9, 10	Manchester	23, 24
Haydock Park	9, 10	Kempton Park	23, 24
Birmingham	12, 13	Plumpton	26
Mullingar	13	Derby	26, 27
Windsor	14, 15	Lingfield Park	28, Mar. 1
Croom	15		
Ludlow	15, 16		

Mr. Leon M. Lion announces that he will produce George Moore's play "The Coming of Gabrielle" in March. It is probable that it will be performed for a limited number of performances, and possibly by subscription.

The second round match between Y and P Divisions in the Metropolitan Police Charity Cup Competition, which should have been played at Tufnell Park tomorrow, has been postponed on account of the state of the ground.

Lignite, the champion French four-year-old 'chaser, met with a slight injury at Marseilles on Sunday, but he has nevertheless been sent on to Nice, where racing starts to-morrow.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

W. P. McLEOD'S HEAT WITH A. E. GRAHAM.

The seventh heat of 2,000 up in the second round of the Amateur Championship was begun at the Burwat Hall in Soho-square, this afternoon.

The players are A. E. Graham and W. P. McLeod, the runner-up in last season's competition.

Considerable interest was taken in the heat, and a keen struggle was anticipated.

The scoring was fairly level in the early stages. McLeod made a capital break of 66, and Graham contributed a run of 35.

McLeod however, maintained his advantage by adding runs of 36 and 32, the highest in the meantime of his opponent being 29 and 24.

Scores: McLeod, 198; Graham, 141.

NEWMAN v. FALKINER.

When the match of 13,500 up between Newman and Falkiner was continued at Thurston's Hall, in Leicester-square, this afternoon, the champion was leading by 804.

Newman was then in play with a break of 344, unfinished, the scores being 8,101—7,297 in his favour.

Newman completed the fourth hundred, but soon afterwards lost the white in baulk. He eventually broke down at a long loser with the break amounting to 497, the last 33 points having been made off the red ball.

Falkiner made runs of 80 and 33, and following a break of 33 by the champion, Falkiner settled down and reached three figures.

Falkiner broke down when the break realised 149, but he added a run of 72, when Newman contributed a break of 114.

Scores: Newman, 8,464; Falkiner, 7,692.

PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Falkiner and Reece, who have been drawn together in the first round of the Professional Billiards Championship, have decided to play their heat at Picton Hall, Liverpool, commencing April 2.

PLANS OF NILLES.

MAY MEET BECKETT AND THE ITALIAN, SPALLA.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Now that he has scored a victory over Frank Moran, Marcel Nilles hopes to be able to meet Joe Beckett.

A second match, which may be arranged is an encounter with Spalla, the Italian heavyweight champion.

If negotiations for this bout are completed it would take place in Milan towards the end of next month. —Reuter.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RACQUETS.

The Public Schools Racquets Handicap was resumed at Queen's Club, West Kensington, to-day. Results:—

J. W. Greenstock (Malvern) beat J. E. Dunning (Westminster, rec. 3) 15—10, 15—8, 15—12.

K. S. Duleep Sinhji (Cheltenham) beat R. H. Lumley Webb (Winchester, rec. 5) 15—5, 15—12, 15—7.

D S. Milford (Rugby, owed 1) beat F. C. Dawnay (Radley, owed 1): 10-15, 13-15, 18-13, 9-3. Dawnay retired with an injured ankle.

K. S. Duleep Sinhji (Cheltenham) beat J. W. Greenstock (Malvern, received 4): 15-5, 15-5, 15-5.

The final round between Milford and Duleep Sinhji will be played to-morrow.

QUINN FOR BURY.

Bury F.C. have signed on Peter Quinn, outside left of Preston North End.

FOOTBALL HALF-TIME.

Newcastle 3, Corinthians 0.

Articles have been signed for a fifteen-rounds return contest at 9st. 9lb. for £50 a side between Alf Simmons, of Hackney, and Charlie Webb, of Bow, to take place at the Ring on Thursday, January 11.

Jack Anthony has not quite got over the accident he met with at Derby recently, and in consequence of this he will take a few weeks' holiday on the Continent after the Tenby Meeting next week.

For their return match at Watford Charlton Athletic will make no alteration in defence, but owing to Miller not being eligible for the F.A. Cup Thomson will partner Smith on the left wing. G. Ayres or Filliston will lead the attack. Team: Wood; Burton, Herod; Purdy, Whalley, Goodman; Castle, Steele, G. Ayres or Filliston, Thomson, Smith.

ENGLAND'S TASK IN THE TEST

MACAULAY & KENNEDY BOWL WELL.

173 WANTED TO WIN.

SOUTH AFRICAN BATSMEN FAIL.

The South Africans' second innings closed to-day for 242, England thus being left 173 to score to win..

NEWLANDS, Wednesday.

There was a return of summer weather here to-day, the sun shining brilliantly from a cloudless sky. Interest in the Test match has not abated, and from an early hour spectators were arriving on the ground.

About 4,000 people were present at the resumption of play, and A. E. R. Gilligan again fielded for Sandham, who is suffering from a mosquito bite.

Fender and Macaulay opened the bowling when Catterall (not out, 74) and Taylor (not out, 48) came out to continue South Africa's second innings, with the total standing at 134 for one wicket.

The pitch was in perfect condition, and the South African captain reached his fifty when he had been at the wicket altogether two hours and three-quarters.

Confident Opening Play.

Both batsmen played in more confident style than at the opening of the innings yesterday, says Reuter.

The 150 went up as the result of just over three hours' play, but seven runs later an off-break ball from Macaulay got rid of Catterall for 76. The second wicket partnership had put on 155.

During his stay of three hours and nine minutes Catterall scored all round the wicket, his powerful driving being very attractive.

Taylor Dismissed.

Nourse was next in, and Fender gave way to Kennedy. Sandham took his place in the field at noon.

With only one run added Taylor was smartly taken at cover off the Yorkshire bowler for 68.

The South African skipper, who had occupied the wicket for three hours and thirty minutes, showed admirable restraint throughout, and appeared to be well set when he was dismissed.

At this point Macaulay had sent down to-day seven overs and taken two wickets for fifteen runs.

The pitch was playing perfectly, and was slightly faster than yesterday.

Fender's Great Catch.

Ling, the next man in, was magnificently taken in the slips at 162 by Fender off a fast ball from Macaulay, and Brann then joined Nourse.

The newcomer was dismissed by the Yorkshire bowler at 170, and at this point four wickets had fallen for 36 runs in an hour this morning. This dramatic change in the fortunes of the game was chiefly due to Macaulay's fast deliveries.

Francois was Nourse's next partner, and Jupp was applauded for a swift and accurate return from cover.

Two Bowling Changes.

Fender took the ball from Kennedy at 185, and Woolley went on for Macaulay at 193.

The bowling to-day, although effective, was somewhat erratic, Fender having delivered three no-balls and a wide, and Macaulay two no-balls.

The last ball before lunch proved fatal to Nourse, Fender taking his off-stump.

At the interval the score stood at 200 for six wickets, Francois being not out 12.

High hopes had been placed on Nourse, who was out for a soundly played 19. He was beaten by an extra slow delivery with an abnormal off-break.

Blanckenberg accompanied Francois to the wicket at the resumption, and Macaulay and Kennedy bowled.

After adding seven to his lunch score Francois returned a ball straight to the Yorkshire bowler, who made a good right-hand catch. The seventh wicket fell at 212.

End of the Innings.

With the total unaltered Blanckenberg was bowled by Kennedy. Nupen fell a victim to the same bowler at 224, and then Hall joined Ward, who had scored six.

The crowd enthusiastically applauded Hall's efforts to keep his end up while Ward scored, but at 242 a fast ball from Kennedy took Hall's off-stump, the innings thus being brought to a close.

The remarkable change which occurred in the game may be judged by the fall of the South African wickets, which was as follows: 2—1, 157—2, 158—3, 162—4, 170—5, 200—6, 212—7, 212—8, 224—9, 242—10.

England's Bad Start.

Requiring 173 to win, Russell and Sandham began England's second innings to the bowling of Nupen and Hall. Hearne again kept wicket, and Commaille fielded for Ward, the Transvaal wicketkeeper, who is still suffering from an injured thumb.

A quiet start was made, and at 15 Blanckenberg superseded Nupen. Russell, after scoring 8, got in front of a straight delivery from the new bowler, and at this stage tea was taken with the score at 20 for one wicket.

About 6,000 people were present when play was resumed after tea. Ward appeared behind the stumps, and Hearne fielded. Woolley went to the wicket with Sandham, while Blanckenberg and Hall shared the attack.

The rate of scoring was slow, and with the total at 29 Woolley was dismissed by a magnificent leg-break ball from Hall for 5.

SOUTH AFRICA.—First Innings.

G. Hearne, c Fender, b Macaulay	0
R. Catterall, c Brown, b Fender	10
H. W. Taylor, b Fender	9
A. D. Nourse, lbw, b Fender	16
W. V. Ling, c Mann, b Fender	13
W. Brann, b Kennedy	0
J. M. Blanckenberg, c Carr, b Jupp	9
R. J. Francois, run out	28
T. A. Ward, b Jupp	4
E. P. Nupen, c and b Macaulay	2
A. E. Hall, not out	0
Extras	22
Total	113

Bowling.—Kennedy 1 for 24, Macaulay 2 for 19, Fender 4 for 29, Jupp 2 for 18, Woolley 0 for 1.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Russell, c Catterall, b Hall	39
Sandham, c Francois, b Blanckenberg	19
Woolley, c Francois, b Hall	0
Mead, c Francois, b Blanckenberg	21
A. W. Carr, c Ward, b Hall	42
F. T. Mann, lbw, b Blanckenberg	4
P. G. H. Fender, c Hearne, b Hall	3
Jupp, c Hearne, b Nupen	12
Kennedy, c Hearne, b Blanckenberg	2
Brown, not out	10
Macaulay, b Blanckenberg	19
Extras	12
Total	183

Bowling.—Blanckenberg 5 for 61, Nupen 1 for 48, Hall 4 for 49.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Second Innings.

G. Hearne, b Kennedy	0
G. Catterall, b Macaulay	76
H. W. Taylor, c Jupp, b Macaulay	68
A. D. Nourse, b Fender	19
V. Ling, c Fender, b Macaulay	2
W. Brann, lbw b Macaulay	4
A J. Francois c and b Macaulay	19
J. M. Blanckenberg, b Kennedy	5
T. Ward, not out	15
E. P. Nupen, b Kennedy	6
W. Hall, b Kennedy	5
Extras	23
Total	242

Bowling: Kennedy 4 for 58, Macaulay 5 for 64, Fender 1 for 52, Woolley 0 for 22, Jupp 0 for 23.

ENGLAND.—Second Innings.

Russell, lbw, b Blanckenberg	8
Sandham not out	14
Woolley, b Hall	5
Extras	2
Total (for 2 wkts)	29

—Reuter's Special Service.

GLAMORGAN PRACTICE STARTS

The Glamorgan County Cricket Club to-day opened winter practice for their players in the Drill Hall, Neath.

A covered pitch has been arranged by Bowley, the county coach.

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LATEST NEWS

MORE GERMS FOUND.

A glass case in which number of glass tubes containing germs has been found in doorway in Henrietta-street, W.C. They were taken to Bow-street police-station, and if not claimed will be destroyed. This is third discovery of tubes of germs in the last few days.

POINCARE COURTS ITALY AND BELGIUM.

PARIS, Wednesday.

M. Poincaré, in a statement to the Press this afternoon, declared emphatically that the British proposals were equally unfair to the Belgians and Italians.

They did not recognise the Belgian priority to reparations, and he was sure Italy would be one with France in objecting to their gold deposits in the Bank of England as security for Allied debts being applied to the reduction of those debts.—Central News.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Newcastle 3, Corinthians 0.
Glamorgan 24, Monmouth 7 (Welsh trial)

TEST MATCH.

England, 49 for 3.—Reuter.
Close of play: England 86 for 6.—Reuter.

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